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YMCA offers town council a new home

by JAYNE

ISAAC

consider moving their offices from Victoria

Avenue to the revamped

This surprise offer is

being considered by

members of Porthcawl Town Council at their

meeting tonight (Thursday). It is likely

that a sub committee will be set up to meet

YMCA board members. The redevelopment of the YMCA is likely to

start in about a year when all the money needed has been

– right in

tonight

YMCA centre

the heart of town.

NEWS that the Porthcawl YMCA has been granted the lion's share of the money it needs to redevelop its base at John Street, could also mean that the town council will get a new home.

John Berry, the president of the organisation, has written to the town

they had been granted £300,000 towards the Cost from ... Lottery Fund. council, inviting them to

He said: "The total cost is £425,000 and the other granting bodies told us to come back to them once we had secured the core fundhe said.

ing," he said.
"We are confident that we will secure the other money we need and we have a year to find it."

The work is expected to take about six months and entails completely remodelling the interior of the building to pro-vide a range of facilities, including access for the disabled

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BRIDGEND MAN GOES TO JAIL FOR THREE YEARS AFTER A BEER GARDEN ASSAULT

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA



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it, the court heard.

Aaron threw a flurry of punches before taking a glass from a nearby skip and throwing it 10 feet towards Mr Roderick, where it 'exploded on impact" in his face, said prosecutor Julian Greenwood.

Aaron, of Bridgend, was jailed for three years after pleading guilty to a charge of wounding with intent.

Judge Patrick Curran iid: "This was all after a quarrel over a trivial matter and the injuries

could have been

appalling."
Mr Greenwood told Cardiff Crown Court that on July 12, Mr Roderick was socialising in the beer garden of the Roof public house, in Bridgend.

"Everything went happily, until a woman offered Mr Roderick a party invitation, which he threw to the ground. This upset Aaron, who punched Mr Roderick and was immediately

ejected.' Outside, Mr

ALL FOR ONLY

Greenwood said, he attacked him with the vodka bottle and the

glass, shouting: "I'm going to kill you, I'm going to cut your head off, I'm going to bottle you again."

Bravely, a customer, Sam Webb, attempted to intervene. Mr Greenwood said that Aaron fled from the scene in a taxi, but was arrested shortly after.

Mr Roderick had injuries to an eye, his nose, ear, and multiple cuts to his face, chest, and upper left arm. The court was told

that Aaron later said he had been drinking vodka and lager and had been "snorting" a drug similar to cocaine.

He claimed that Mr Roderick was "as much up for a physical con-frontation as he was".

Richard Ace, defending, said: "His plea of guilty was very courageous.

"It was a swift-moving incident and the injuries could have been a lot worse.

"He reacted at being slighted by Mr Roderick and is unlikely to return to court."
The judge said that

references spoke well of Aaron, and there was a different side to his character.
Mr Webb was com-

mended for trying to prevent violence, at some risk to himself.



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"We have a wonderful new comprehensive school in Cowbridge, but no swimming pool - ridiculous! F Jones'

"Has anyone reported the fly-tipping yet in Llantwit Major? W Thomas"

You get the idea. With the cuts in the public sector announced, it's likely that there will be many local issues to highlight.

But remember, we're looking for both the positive and negative!

The Editor

Tears shed in Warsaw at a moving Remembrance...

Remembrance service in Warsaw: I was standing at a memorial to brutal carnage and destruction, alongside elderly men and women who had terrible stories to tell.

They had come to pay their respects to British servicemen who died flying in supplies

to the city.

I was in Warsaw to attend the NATO Parliamentary Assembly of which I am now a of which I am now a member. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded in April 1949 to safeguard the freedom and security of its member states by political and military

In the Parliamentary Assembly, countries consult and debate security issues and the collective action to be taken.

Article V of the treaty declares that an attack on one of the members is an attack on them all. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, it has also provided aspirant and new members with the skills and support to make democratic and military reforms.

It also undertakes operations in unstable regions, such as the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan.
The NATO PA has

five main committees.
As a member you have a seat on one committee, and are a substitute member on a second committee.

This means that if a UK delegate is missing from a committee ,a second member can vote. I am a member of the defence and security committee and a substitute on the committee on the civil dimension

of security.
The other committees cover economics and security, science and technology and pol-itics.

My first meeting

brought a number of vital topics for discus-sion. Afghanistan and the move towards a training mission for NATO forces was high on the agenda.

The transition

towards the Afghan National Security
Forces taking the lead in fighting and securing their country against the

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive column for The GEM.

Taliban insurgents is the next key step.

Much has been said

about this transition and the withdrawal of British troops by 2015. I believe that the UK will still have large numbers of troops in, we are discussing the withdrawal of British troops from Germany

A war in Europe won many years ago brought regional security issues to be tackled to win the

peace. This will, I fear, be equally true in Afghanistan. I hope I

am wrong. In Warsaw, this is a In Warsaw, this is a very emotive issue. Poland, along with many eastern European countries, sees NATO as a critical part of their future defence and security. They know the horrors of war, invasion and servitude.

In Eastern Europe, there is grave concern at Britain's defence cuts. There is also anxiety as

steps are taken towards closer relationships between NATO and

Russia

The NATO PA allows other countries to send observers who join in committee debates.

At the defence and security committee, I heard presentations from Russia, Pakistan and South Korea com-menting on reports before the committee

Increasingly, Russia sees itself as facing the same future threats and enemies as NATO allies and is expressing an interest in working together to tackle them.

Afghanistan, Iran, the Middle East peace process, non-prolifera-tion of nuclear weapons, energy security, cyber crime, counter terror-ism, serious and organ-ised crime and climate security affect us all. The NATO

Parliamentary Assembly is one of the venues where these common

cussed face to face.

From 'jaw jaw' in Warsaw I moved on to 'war war' off Plymouth. Each Thursday, frigates, planes, and submarines of mixed nations come together to fight sea bat-

tles.
The war is part of FOST, (flag officer sea training) which ensures crews have the training and skills to act collectively when under attack.

I had observed the

exercise guided by Admiral Chris Snow. I watched as MHS York was attacked, lost power and navigation and was hit by air and sea

I followed Admiral Snow up and down lad-ders, in and out of smoke and water-soaked compartments and casu-alty stations, as the crew battled to tackle inci-dents set up by FOST trainers, who watched how they tackled each

This is a highly-stressful exercise for the sites and exercise for they know they will not be allowed on patrol around the world until they pass to FOST standards.

Eight weeks of training alminutes in the

ing culminates in the stresses of the Thursday

fighting navy of today has crews with multiple roles and tasks. I met a law degree

holding logistics officer running damage control, stewards as fire fighters and first aiders.

It was noisy, hot, smoky, wet and chaotic smoky, wet and combut there was a feeling of calm competency the centre of it all.

It is easy to forget that one third of the forces in Afghanistan in 2011 will be from the Royal Navy: Easy to forget the front line role they are playing in the Horn of Africa fighting pirates and in the Caribbean fighting

drugs.

It's also easy to forget how small the Royal Navy now is, yet how highly-regarded and invaluable a job it does.

If you want to see some of the photographs from Warsaw and Plymouth you will find

them on my website.

The Thursday 'war'
has another vital role. FOST training builds friendships, respect and common understandings between the navies of many nations.

FOST like the NATO

PA is a vital component in our defence and security.

Plea goes out for foster parents

Following the success of this year's BBC Children In Need campaign, Bridgend County Borough Council is urging local residents to also remember the area's own children in need.

With the number of looked-after children in care across the UK still on the rise and an 11per cent increase recorded in the borough over the last year, the need for more foster placements has never been greater," a spokesperson said this

Wales has more children in foster care than any other part of the UK there are roughly 1,900 foster carers looking after over 3,000 children and the Fostering Network estimates a shortage of at least 750

More foster carers are needed in Bridgend to provide these children with safe and caring homes.

'Faced with a short-

age of approximately 80 foster carers and with an ageing population, it is important that fostering is promoted throughout the county borough to attract people with the skills to foster, particularly for teenage and sib-ling groups," said Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and

young people. "Fostering is so important, and can transform a child's life. It is crucial that we find more foster families so that we can provide loving and caring surroundings for local children.

Chris Devine, a foster arer of 27 years, said: Being a carer can be hard work, but is hugely rewarding. As well as receiving an allowance, there is a dedicated team providing advice, train-ing and support right from the start."

For more information about fostering in the borough, telephone 01656 642349 weekdays or email fostering@brid-

REFER to the letter and photo of the Rose Schiaffino recently

published in your newspaper. Of course, most peo-

ple are aware of the number of ships and loss of men from the port of Barry as this appears quite frequently at this time of year and at the Merchant Navy day. To read further details

of people affected by these losses; brings it a step nearer to people who care, and it was very well put together by the writer

However, the last few words, may be miscon-strued by readers... Would we mind a

Poppy being bought for the Merchant Navy? W certainly would not mind...and a trip to the cemetery at this time of year will see quite a few Poppy crosses with the Merchant Navy colours.
The Royal British

Legion is a registered charity and rules and regulations must be strictly adhered to. The

welfare branch of the RBL is under strict instructions as to whom its collections must be paid, not forgetting that all serviceman pay into the fund from deductions made from their pay.

This does not mean that the Merchant Navy is left out: Chapter 3 of the Eligibility Poppy
Support Section c states: "Any man or woman who served afloat in hostile waters (this means areas such as the Falklands, Gulf war and any war zone where they are working with the military as troop ships or support vessel) will receive the same support as service men and

women."
There are of course, many other charities we can put seafarers in touch with, such as the SMS King George V Fund, The Not Forgotten, Sailors Hospital Society.

I am a payments agen for The Shipwrecked Mariners Society in the area, and we regularly get calls for furniture, bedding, decorating and

advice. We have even had benefits increased where applicants had not applied.

The Merchant Navy is NOT forgotten'

Also, if you have completed 15 years as a seaman and are on low income, I pay 12 seamen or widows' cheques twice a year, for which they are most grateful.

If you are in need. contact SMS, 1 North

Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1BR.

They will send a trained welfare officer from either The Royal British Legion or SAAFA who will give you advice.

Stan Smith, (Vice-chairman, Royal British Legion, Barry branch).

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 2)
The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht			
	AM	M	PM	M			
25 Thur	08.21	9.5	20.44	9.3			
26 Fri	09.04	9.3	21.32	9.0			
27 Sat	09.51	9.0	22.21	8.7			
28 Sun	10.47	8.7	23.19	8.4			
29 Mon	11.49	8.5					
30 Tues	00.30	8.3	13.02	8.6			
01 Wed	01.43	8.4	14.13	8.6			
02 Thur	02.48	8.5	15.11	8.9			
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Bridgend carer found guilty of 'pillaging' victim's life savings

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A CARDIFF Crown Court jury took just 48 minutes this week to convict a 63-year-old care warden of "pillaging" the £50,000 life savings of a vulnerable elderly pensioner upon whom she preyed.

Diana Thomas (63) of Longacre, Bridgend, was found guilty of nine charges of fraud, and one of

She was found not guilty of one charge of forgery. Prosecutor Christopher Rees said the defendant had plundered the bank accounts of her retired teacher victim, in what was a despicable breach of

Thomas, he said, had written cheques and with-drawn up to £300 a day on ATMs, and had cashed in Mrs Harris' savings and investment.

He said that 79-year-old Mrs Mair Eluned Harris, thought such a lot of Thomas that she made her and her husband Colin, the sole beneficiaries of her

Prisoner was caught with mobile phone

by AJ SICLUNA

SECURITY officers at Parc Prison, Bridgend, became suspicious when they saw an offender who had just admitted, been limping

Scott Ross-Goulding (21), was told to take off his shoes and inside one was a mobile phone.

Ross-Goulding, originally from Basildon, had admitted before Vale magistrates unlawfully taking the mobile phone to the prison and had been committed to Cardiff Crown Court for

Prosecutor Nuhu
Gobir said that when Ross-Goulding arrived

cell and searched. He was limping and denied emphatically having any unauthorised property on him. Inside the shoe. they found a mobile phone.

was later sen tenced to two and a half

years for wounding..

For taking the phone into the prison, he received four months, to run concurrently.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said: "There are powerful reasons why such items are prohibited and ordinarily this would attract a consecutive sen-

Defence Kevin Seal said: was not discovered in the admissions unit, before he got to Parc he was taken to a strip Prison."

'Double whammy' taxation threat for residents?

MAESTEG dents are facing ple don't realise is that double taxation - as a result of partnership deals between

told a meeting of the town council that he was done. concerned about the increasing number of things being put onto the said. "The toilets at the town council by the bortown hall and the toilets

a marvellous thing giving because of partnership. £100,000 for the swimborough, and now we help the Town Hall. may have to form a trust "It would be very to take over the running of the pool.

"Partnership can be more."

resi- successful, but what peowe are paying twice for a service that we should be getting anyway." But Coun Terry Mizen

the town council felt that if the town counand BCBC. cil had not agreed to go
That's the view of into partnership with the
Coun Phil Jenkins, who borough, many things would not have been

"Partnerships are good when they work," he said. "The toilets at the at the welfare park -We know that we did these are happening

ming pool. We put council offices) would money into something have been closed if we that was left to fall into had not been prepared to terrible disrepair by the take it on and we also

short-sighted not to take them on. I am all for Mr Colin Thomas was not charged with any

Ten years ago, she signed documents agreeing that if she ever became mentally incapable, full control of her affairs would fall to Thomas.

While still of sound mind, Mrs Harris discovered that surreptitiously. Thomas had gone to the Court of Protection and been granted power of attorney

With full control and unfettered access to all her bank accounts, Thomas set about fraudulently enriching herself and her family.

In one nine-month period, said Mr Rees, she paid 53 visits to cash points, taking out the maximum £300 each time, making a total of £15,900.

But the offences came to light after Thomas failed in an attempt to cash in a Scottish Widows invest-ment for £12,500, which was stopped by solicitors for the pensioner, who had the power of attorney

Mr Rees said that Mrs Harris had no children and no brothers or sisters, and lived in a Bridgend nursing home where she was regarded by the staff as mentally alert, lively and intelligent. When arrested, Thomas told the police that Mrs

Harris was going to leave her a bungalow and urged her to get rid of all her money and gift them to the

She told the jury that she did nothing behind any

one's back, and in no way acted dishonestly.

"Money didn't mean anything to her", she said.
She added that Mrs Harris didn't want anyone to know how the money was being disposed of.

She denied in any way preying on her victim.

During cross-examination, Mr Rees asked her: You wanted to keep it all quiet, didn't you?" The defendant replied, "That's just not true".

Mr Rees put it to her that she couldn't face up to

what she had done.

Thomas said: "I have done nothing she didn't want me to do." She denied making up her evidence

as she went along.

She said that the police interviews had been "gru-

She also claimed that Mrs Harris asked her to give £3,000 in tithes to All Souls, Langham Place. London, a church which Mrs Harris had never

Sentence was adjourned until December 13 and Thomas was remanded on bail.

Llangynwyd pupils in global schools project

Gyfun Gymraeg scholarships to outstand-langynwyd were scholarships to outstand-ing youths will be award-ed for travel overseas to by Ogmore MP, Mr Mark Jones, Huw Irranea Davis Hadroshkar of Vistal Huw Irranca Davies Headteacher of Ysgol to take part in an Llangynwyd, said: "We

become active global citizens and support their peers in the developing world, by taking part in a series of workshops to develop leadership skills

how they can work col-laboratively to free children from poverty and I knew they would be exploitation, and free active and take part in them from the notion this fabulous scheme. They are powerless to affect positive change in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the children to make a difference to the valid in the children to make a difference to the children to

PUPILS at Ysgol Airlines, and 30 full

initiative with the were delighted to hear charity 'Be The that Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd were nominated by our This enables pupils to This enables pupils to ecome active global cittheir barries their were nominated by concerning their barries to take part in a positing and this very exciting and innovative programmes.

Huw Irranca-Davies MP added: "I am glad to see Ysgol Gyfun develop leadership skills MP added: 1 am glad to raining.
On Wednesday (November 24), pupils take advantage of this met officials to discuss opportunity to help chilhow they can work colnominated them because I knew they would be

the world. difference to the world in Match-funding the initiative is Virgin Atlantic one day inherit."

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Institute backs Help the Heroes

MRS Pat Morgan who attends Newton Institute knit and stitch group had the idea to hold a coffee morning to raise funds for Help the Heroes and all money raised will go to the Golden Grove Mansion Appeal.

A very enjoyable morning was held with a raffle. Special thanks to our local PCSO officer Holly Prosser, who sold raffle tickets, and also local businesses for generously giving raffle prizes.

There was a cake stall and a bric-a-brac stall and we raised an amazing £552.70.

Newton Institute will be holding its Christmas fayre on November 27 at

There will a grand raffle, cake stall, tombola, hand made gifts and new items gifts for all ages. Tickets £1, which Tickets £1, includes a glass of wine.

Subpostmaster celebrates 40 years service



Lynden Griffiths, with his wife Pat.

BLACKMILL'S subpostmaster has Griffiths Lynden has collected his 40 years service award from Post Office

more years yet!

Coun

Beadle said that the car

boot sale could still go

ahead using the under-

Coun Mike Harpur

pointed out that the

underground area was very badly lit and car

headlights would be needed.

Coun Ross Thomas said that it seemed bizarre to stop Maesteg having a car boot sale, in

case it affected one in

Bridgend.
"Significant trade comes from Maesteg and I agree that we should should go for this."
Coun Terry Mizen said that the car boot sale and outdoor market in Deut Talbet was needed.

Port Talbot was packed.

"It brings people in. I see people there from Maesteg and Bridgend,

they go because it's there! If we can intro-duce that feeling back

into Maesteg, I am all for

It was agreed that the

town council support

attempts to bring a car boot sale to the valley.

TAX HELP

TAX Help for older

people will hold its

advice

on

monthly

Bridgend.

has been in the family for more than 80 years. His two aunts once ran

Lynden (72), says he service to the local com-has "enjoyed every munity. minute" of his time Presenting his curred

behind the counter at Post Office Limited man-Blackmill Post Office, ager, Rita Kendellen, ager, Rita Kendellen, said: "Lynden has Bridgend - and intends recorded recorded quite an achievement. He thorto carry on for a few "I love being part of oughly deserves the village community, recognition and chatting and serving my heartening to know that customers," said Lynden, he has kept up the tradi-who with his wife, Pat, tion started all those and daughter, Esther, also years ago by his aunts to runs a retail business that provide services to the

local community. Lynden added: "To me it's a way of life and one ost office services in the I am proud to be part of village many years ago. it. I will carry on as long Together they have as I am able, although I clocked up more than do have to have a little 100 years Post Office rest during the day now!"

Town Council backs car boot sale plan

But

pers.

ATTEMPTS Bridgend County Borough Council to stifle plans for a car boot sale Maesteg, because of fears it would adversely affect the existing one in Bridgend run by Bridgend Festivals Committee, being resisted by Town Maesteg

Council. The council received an e-mail from someone interested in setting up a car boot sale in Maesteg possibly at the Llynfi

Road car park.
It referred the request to the town centre manager Rhiannon Kingsley, who said that the vals Committee Festivals make most of their income from the car boot sale they run in the multi storey car park at Brackla Street each

Sunday. The response goes on: "It is understood that a significant part of their current trade comes from north of the M4 and any council sponsored competition would cut across the original aims of giving them consent to do what they do in Bridgend, so that they can fund events there

clinic at Pencoed and now elsewhere in the county borough as Library Thursday, well. They also point out that Aldi, Iceland and Wilkinsons are open on Sundays and all rely on December 16. For appointment telephone 013321 the car park for their cus-

ground section of the car park, leaving the upper Mike and Hayley welcome you to level and the ground surface available for shop



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LBERT AND SULLIVAN ENTHUSIAS BRING THE MIKADO TO PORTHCAW

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAŇ

THE Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emment-Lewis, recently attended a performance of The Mikado at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, by The Savoyards, who specialise in Gilbert and Sullivan productions.

The performance itself raised more than £3,000 for the company's three chosen charities. The mayor drew tickets in a raffle, which raised a further £236.

The chosen charities this year were: GLAZE, which funds new treatments for prostate cancer in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend; Save the Children; and Macmillan Cancr support.

The show's musical director was Roger Hudd, and it was produced by Andrew Griffiths.

MAIN CAST

The Mikado – Andrew Griffiths; Nanki Poo – Iestyn Morris; Ko Ko – Robert Reynolds; Pooh Bah

Layton Skitton; Pish Tush – Chris Parsons.

The Three Sisters: Yum Yum – Rhiannon Evans;
Pitti Sing – Kim Danter-Hill; Peep Bo – Briony-Jane

Katisha – Linda Edwards; A Noble – Chris Banks.













ABOVE: Coun Mary Emment-Lewis with Yvonne Hudd and (top right) with Linda Edwards.

CAERAU POLICE STATION **UNDER REVIEW**

THE future of Caerau Police Station is under review.

PC Dave Rees told Maesteg Town Council, in response to a question from Coun Steve Smith, that the future of the station is under discussion.

However, he pledged that if it closes, blice will remain in Caerau, using a base at Blaenllynfi School along with the Caerau Development Trust.

"There will be a presence in Caerau," he added.

The police station in Caerau has had a chequered history since it was first opened.

by JAYNE ISAAC

It was closed in the 1960s and became a private residence for some years.

In the early 1980s, police decided to move back into Caerau and they acquired the police station from private owners and refurbished it. It has remained in use ever

Coun Terry Mizen said he was concerned about rumours that the police station was closing. He said: "The closure cannot be justified. We cannot seem to get crime down below a certain level in Caerau and Nantyffyllon.

"I cannot see why you are considering closing the station. You said that there would be a presence, but what form will that presence take if the station is closed?"

PC Rees said that there would be no decrease in officer numbers even if the station closed

He added that shift patterns had changed this month and there would be more officers on the afternoon shift to deal with problems in the evenings.

THE Duke of Gloucester invested two men from Ewenny into the

Order of St John Wales at a special ceremony in London on November 18. The ceremony takes

places every three years at the Priory Church of St John in Clerkenwell, where Knights, Dames and Bailiffs Grand Cross from St John worldwide are invested by the duke who is 'Ğrand Prior'

The Prior for St John Wales, David Hugh Thomas, of Ewenny, was presented with one of the most prestigious titles approved by The Queen – The Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order of St John.

There are only 24 other St John members globally who have received the award.

Mr Thomas said: This honour is not only to myself personally, but it is linked to acknowledging the importance of the Priory of Wales as part of an international organisation.
"Whilst obviously it

will be associated with

me as an individual, I believe entirely that it would not have come about but for the stand ing and credibility of the Priory of Wales at an international level.'

Local St John stalwarts

Dr Bob Broughton, chief commander for St John Ambulance in Wales, was also invested as a Knight of the Order.

Dr Broughton, also from Ewenny, who is responsible for the over-all control and direction of St John Ambulance in Wales, said: "I'm immensely proud to receive this high accolade. It is a representation of the hard work of

the volunteers in Wales.
"It's good to see that
St John Ambulance
brigade in Wales has gone from strength to strength and continuing to make a real difference in Welsh communi-



David Hugh Thomas of Ewenny



Dr Bob Broughton of Ewenny

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mrs Jayne Beynon, Castle Sycamore Tremains Road. Bridgend – two illuminated

Dr Anthony Fodor, U Smile De that Practice, 21 Hillsboro den.

Place, Porthcawl – retain Mr RN Cheung, 51 The curtilage.

existing sign to front of first floor and erect similar display detached dwelling and separate floor and erect similar display detached dwelling and separate street, Kenfig Hill – garage at South Road, Porthcawl – Front porch and rear bedroom extension. sign to rear facing gable at first

woodand area. Storey extension and convert building to replace existing. Mr J Owen, 55 Glan y Nant, Wyddan, Station Road, Miss S Llewellyn, 18 Duffryn Tondu – first floor extension of the reduce height by 30 per cent and reduce height by 30 per cent of Ash, Willow, and floor balcony. Portheavl – two-storey extension for dining and bedroom, infell single storey extension above garage. Coastal Oil and Gas Limited, with first floor; oor external Cwmcedfyw Farm, and internal alterations.

and 30 percent crown reduction of Sycamore Sarah Head, Rear 39 Banc Yr Porthcawl Allt, Bryntirion – cut back provide double garage/play-branches overhanging rear gar- room/store and adjacent branches overhanging rear gar-

single garage. Mr B Morris, **Upper Tremains**

Gardens, Pvle amendment to

Mr B Morris, Upper Tremains
Mr Evans, P21 Ffynnon
Mr J Congdon, Woodland
area, The Oaks/The Lymes,
Fenwick Drive, Brackla – telling with two annexes
various works to trees on
(ground and first floor) single
woodland area.

Mr Evans, P21 Ffynnon
Dyffryn, Broadlands – rear
conservatory (new house type).
Royal Porthcad Golf Club –
new greenkeepers facility
building to replace existing. new greenkeepers facility building to replace existing. Mr J Owen, 55 Glan y Nant, Tondu – first floor extension

Mr M Khaliq, 8 Jubilee Pontrhydcyff - drill and test Road, permeability of coal and associated strata.

Mr Huw Morgan, 2 Sandpiper Road, Porthcawl- front porch Mr P Lincoln, 24 Commercial Mrs Bronwen Griffiths, 56

> alterations and extensions. BCBC, land between Mallard Way and Golf Club, Rest Bay

- cycle track and footpath. facility Mr G Dower, 11 Beach Road, Porthcawl - two-storey exten-

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YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

SCOPE SCOPE is a charity that caters for disabled people, and runs an art project for adults and a 'befriending' project for the parents of children, at the centre in Kenfig Hill.

be fun for all the family at a Christmas fair and coffee morning in the Rees Centre, 9a Prince Rees Centre, 9a Road, Kenfig Hill.

Father Christmas will be there to greet the children, so why not go along and support this worthy cause? For further details, ring Linda Francis or Donna Francis or Akdemir-Young 01656 741166

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE monthly meetof Pyle Community Council, held last Wednesday. November 17, was considerably shorter than usual, due to the absence of Anne Wilkes, the clerk, through illness.

through illness.

Many of the items on Foundation - £100 and the agenda, including the Bridgend County Young finance and Singer of the Year - £50. report, was put on hold

until the next meeting.

In the meantime, Mrs
Eileen Peakman has agreed to act as the inter-im clerk. During the first 15 minutes, when the meeting is thrown open and questions are taken the floor Mrs Karen Evans wanted to know if it would be possible to open a public toi-

The councillors agreed that there was a lack of this facility in the area and would look into the feasibility of constructing one. This was the only question from the public.

The chair reported that visit from Father Christmas, will again take place at the monument. Following this, the children will be able to visit Father Christmas in his grotto and enjoy a kiddies' disco provided by the Talbot Community Centre, while their mums and dads can enjoy a mince pie and cup of cof-

fee, also in the centre.

Coun Brian Morris
suggested that as their rest offices were in Bridgend and Porthcawl, the Citizens Advice Bureau should be approached with regard to the possibility of open-ing once a week in the Pyle and Kenfig Hill area, so as to make it easier for those who have difficulty travelling to outside areas.

The chair of the Talbot Community Centre said Avenue in Pyle. They that if it would help, they will focus on these issues would provide the use of and report back to the a room for a half day a week, without charge.

The chair, Mrs Paula James said that she would contact the



COMMUNITY NEWS from **KENFIG HILL** AND PYLE

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the possibility of obtain-

ing this service.

Local residents have contacted the council with their concerns regarding the possible reduction in bus services.

It seems possible that the 224 service from Porthcawl to Swansea via Cornelly and Pyle, will cease in the not too on distant future.

A question often asked of the council is 'where does all the money go'? Besides spending it on the usual mundane items such as bus shelters and general maintenance, they also donate cash to worthwhile causes.

they granted the following amounts to: Citizens Bureau - £100, Advice The Talbot Community Centre - £480 (New Lighting), Cymru Heart Foundation - £100 and Foundation - £100 and Bridgend County Young

STTHEODORE'S CHURCH FOLLOWING

his induction on Tuesday, the new parish priest Fr Jonathan Durley will conduct his first Sunday services this weekend in St Theodore's Church Kenfig Hill, at 9.30 am and then in St 9.30-10.30am.
Coleman's Church, The school will be Cefn Cribwr at 11am.

COMMUNITY WATCH

A LOCAL resident has forwarded an email to the police they had received The chair reported that this year, the switching- on of the Christmas lights, carol singing and a visit from Father for help to raise for help to raise some funds, to pay his landlord.

> His explanation was that, he had an old dog and if his rent wasn't paid they would be forced out. The man even gave his bank details, but fortunately the resident didn't give him anything. Police are urging peo-

ple to be cautious and never to reply to this type of e-mail, unless you a Christmas junior know the person very well, as they believe it to Saturday, December be a scam.

The three priorities discussed at the PACT meeting last week were, graffiti in St David Mews, parking problems near Pisgah Chapel, and Kenfig Hill vehicles speeding along Heol Mostyn/Marshfield

next meeting in January. PC Mark Child has ioined

December 4, there will in Bridgend regarding and will be covering the Pyle ward, along with PC

Gerry McKay.

As well as having an additional police consta-ble, a new shift pattern the officers and PCSOs has been introduced, which will ensure that there is now a Neighbourhood Policing Team on duty in the area every day.

If there are any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of your Neighbourhood Police Team, contact PCSO Jon Howe in Pyle on 07805 301491 and it will be dealt with in strict confidence

PUPILS PRAISED

Congratulations to the weven pupils
Mynydd C at Cynffig Junior School who were nominated for impressing the staff at the school, last week. and in particular to Alice Webber from class 7, who won the headteacher's award.

The school choir has been invited to perform at various venues during this term. The first event at which you will be able to listen to this brillian young choir, will be next Tuesday at the Co-operative Store, Pyle between

holding their Christmas Fair at the school on Friday December 3 from 3.30pm. The Friends of Mynydd Cynffig Junion School would appreciate any donations for raffle prizes and the tombola.

They are also looking for toys, games and books in good condition tins/packets of food, and homemade cakes (with recipe/ingredients attached).

Willow Christmas products made by year-6 at their environment club will also be on sale at the

JUNIOR CRAFT FOLLOWING the success of previous years, Coun Paula James will be holding

Saturday, December 4, in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill, between 10am and noon, admission is free.

Mrs James will be assisted by members of the Cynffig Craft Club, who will also be donating the materials required.

Parents are welcome has so long as they accompa-the ny children. For further would contact the Team. He was previously ing, ring Paula on 01656 Citizens Advice Bureau with the response team, 741160.

WI meets

PRESIDENT Eunice Williams opened the meeting of Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute on November 10 by welcoming mem-bers and 'Happy bers and 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Dorothy Thomas.
Several members will

be taking part in the whist competition in January 2011 this competition is strictly for

fun.
The speaker was Rose Jones, whose subject was ceramics. Rose ably assisted by Carol, had brought a beautiful selection of ceramic models which she had made herself.
The table was covered

in Christmas trees, big red boots, churches and Santas in various sizes.

Rose works in Bridgend College part time. She explained how ceramics were made by filling moulds with liquid clay then drying off and firing them in a kiln before decorating them,

quite a lengthy process.

A vote of thanks was given by Dilys Mitchell.
The raffle prizes were won by Gillian Williams and Irene Burgess. The competition for any item beginning with the letter 'N', was won by Irene Burgess with a New Testament.

Eunice thanked Pearl Major for her donation of beautiful china, to replace some of the WI's existing china.

Eunice then thanked tea hostesses Mair Starr ladies and Hilary Crocombe; Ogmore V Marian Edwards for proand viding the raffle, Dorothy Kingston for her register duties.

The competition word for 2011 will be 'ABERKENFIG'.

Christmas party on December 8, in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig at will be an item beginning at 7pm. with the letter 'S'

Two choirs

BLAENGARW male voice choir is joining up with Blaengarw ladies choir for the ladies Christmas carol con-cert in Blaengarw RFC on Friday, December 3, everyone is welcome.

Charity concert

TABERNACLE Chapel, Pontycymmer, Advent in Meadow Street, was the first for a concert by Bridgend police choir

50 years ago. It consisted of 140 It consisted of 140
mixed voices from the
Tabernacle Augmented
Choir and a selection
Choreand a selection
Choreand a selection Tabernacle Augmented Choir and a selection Glamorgan the from Youth Orchestra.

The choir was conducted at the inaugural concert by Alun John, who will be in the audience this time.

Renamed the Bridgend and District male choir in 1987, it became the Bridgend male choir in 2006. The bers, for agreeing to choir has won the stay on the list for re-

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:
If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this

region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include

every newsworthy subject.

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email: tynycoed1@yahoo.co.uk

twice, and the Gold Cup in the Cheltenham festi-val of music. Chris Phillips remind-ed members about the

It has enjoyed this success under musical direc-tor John Jenkins. Since then the choir has increased its membership by 25 per cent.

To celebrate its golden anniversary it is putting on a concert in the chapel tomorrow Friday, November 26, at 7pm. John Jenkins will be conducting the choir, with accompanists Laura Smith on the piano and Scott Williams (organ). Tenors, Paul Carter

will sing Bui Doi from Miss Saigon, Leon Evans with Morte Criste and Gwyn Evans with Pie Iesu.

The choir expects to have singing on the night and the concert will be compèred by BBC presenter,

Also taking part are choirs from Ysgol

Ogmore

Ogmore Valley ladies choir and society held a recent coffee morning at the Welfare Hall and raised more than £500

for Macmillan Nurses. The choir will be per-ABERKENFIG'.

The last meeting of 2010 will be the Ogmore Valley male I HAD the hon on voice choir, and the pupils of Ogmore Vale primary school, at the Ogmore Vale life centre 2pm; the competition on Friday, December 10

> The choir rehearses at the Welfare Hall, Ogmore Vale from 6.30pm. Telephone The tall Meriel on 01656 840144

for information.

OGMORE Valley male voice choir, under its musical director Eira Paskin, will be holding its annual Christmas concert in Canolfan Bethlehem, Vale on December 7.

concert

OGMORE Vale Primary School pupils from years 5-6, will be

26) at 10am.
Years 3-4 will be presenting their Christingle concert on December 2 at 10am; tickets will be limited to two per pupil and cost £leach.

Pen-v-Fai WI JEAN GRIFFITHS the president thanked all the committee memstay election. She then wished all the birthday

show Scrooge with Tommy Steel in the New Theatre, Cardiff and the shopping expedition to Howells, Cardiff on November 29. A coach to take the members will be leaving Pen-y-fai at 5.30pm.

The last Link group event of the year will be a carol concert in Llangynwyd church on consists of Coety, Maesteg, Tiriarll and Maesteg, Tiri Pen-y-fai WIs

She asked members to submit their names for a darts competition, whist drive and a guided walk around Gloucester.

choristers asked to provide on a circulated list an item of food they will be bringing along to their next meeting, a Christmas party.

They were then given

The decorations were the decorations were then raffled as prizes and were won by Tilly Viant, Margaret Williams, Valerie Trimlet, Mavis Hek, Gwenda Davies, Hek, Gwenda Davies, Jean Griffiths and finally Chris Thomas.

being invited to auditions for Bridgend CBC 'Young Singer of the Year' competition.at Aberkenfig Bible Church last Saturday, organised by the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir.

The talent and confi-

with

December 21. The link evening.

Members were also

choirs from Ysgol They were then given a demonstration of variand Ffaldau.

All proceeds will go to Cancer Research Wales.

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I HAD the honour of

dence displayed by these youngsters aged between 11-18 years was out-

the accompanists had a really difficult task listening to songs sung not only in English but Italian and Welsh.

German. They were still strug-gling to decide on the finalists late on Saturday night, for the junior and senior sections of the competition at the finals in Maesteg town hall on January 29, 2011. They had to adjourn their dis cussions until Monday

I would like to congratulate these competitors for their great performances on the day:-

Junior section Tabitha (Porthcawl), Coates (Bryntirion), Kamila Godzinska K n o w l e d g e (Archbishop McGrath), Encyclopaedia" Rhydian Jenkins (Llangynwyd), Thomas Leigh (Maesteg), Waters (Archbishop McGrath).

section Senior Harriet David (Maesteg), Sophie Howe (Porthcawl), Mari Izzard (Llanhari), Lowri Izzard nity has for this small (Llanhari), Amelia Jones school. (Porthcawl), May (Bryntirion), Millar Harmony (Porthcawl). Joe Wiltshire - Smith (Porthcawl), Sarah Thalaysingham (Bryntirion), Gemma (Bryntirion), (Brynteg), Williams Thomas Caitlin (Archbishop McGrath),

Catherine Walters (Porthcawl) I expect to be able to publish the names of the youngsters who will be taking part in the finals

next week. Missions

The tutors at schools who teach these youngsters deserve special report by Bethan Gadd, from Rothand Rands R raise. The adjudicators and from Bethany Baptist able from the school sec-

Nigeria, where she will returning

January.

She is seeking help from the community to raise funds for this missionary trip. All are wel-come to the service.

Sporting success TYNYRHEOL

pri-school, Llangeinor head. Martin Griffiths is pleased with the sporting prowess of two of the schools pupils.

Kai Lewis who trains with the Bridgend academy of football has been asked to go along to Cardiff football club, to take part in the club's trials for footballers in the future.

Jake Lewis has been selected by the boys club to play for the Welsh rugby team.

Each term, friends of the school donate a book to the most improved reader in each class: this term the winners were Carrington class 1 - Gethin Lewis Lauren received "My Treasury of ntirion), Fairy Tales."

Connie Osgood-Finney class 2 – Kody Tame (Archbishop McGrath), received "Children's

enkins class 3 – Ellie John Amy received "Children's received "Children's Illustrated Intelligent Intellige Sebastion Linked Encyclopaedia".

The books were presented at the school's assembly to demonstrate to IESTYN school inspectors, the high regard the local commu-

Rebecca TONDU school head, Sue Pilcher reminds responsible adults that the PTA has organised the Christmas fair at the school tomorrow (November 26) at school

3.30pm.
The school choir will be entertaining, with year 6 organizing their own stall to sell toys and books.

The PTA is organizing a coach trip to go shopping in Cheltenham on December 4, with the coach departing from outside the Simla Indian Chapel, Restaurant at 8.30am.

Cor Bro Ogwr in concert at Porthcawl

COR Bro Ogwr, under the been competing at national eisteddfobaton of Edward-Rhys Harry dau since she was a child. She won the will be giving a performance of under-26 solo competition last year. Vivaldi's Gloria and Christmas become musical director and principal b music on Saturday, December conductor of the London Welsh Male 4, in All Saints' Church, Voice Choir and is also to direct the Porthcawl at 7.30pm.

Soloists will be Rhiannon Llewellyn and Jessica Robinson. Rhiannon, from Swansea, is studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama under Janet Price.

She is in her fourth year and has performed at a number of prestigious ven-ues, including the Cadogan Hall, Wells Cathedral and the Purcell Room.

Choral Olympiad, which will involve

over 1,0000 singers from all the countries taking part in the Olympics in London in 2012. The accompanist for the concert is Glenn Crooks, who won an organ scholarship to Oriel College, Oxford in 1981 and is musical director of the

Oxford University Review Company. Tickets £10, can be obtained

Jessica, from Pembrokeshire, is in *choristers, by telephoning 01656* her second year at the college and has 653326, and also at the door.

Ogmore MP Huw takes a bow for archery!

RIGHT: Huw at Lilleshall with a bow in hand.

Davies has become a parliamentary ambassador for archery – to help archery – to help Mr Irranca-Davies archery first-hand to contribute to the well-raise the profile of the sport locally and asm for archery has been and the self-esteem and the self-este across the UK, in the countdown to the London Olympics in 2012.

The keen sportsman, has already been given tips on how to use a bow by some of the gold medal British archers the Delhi

Commonwealth Games.
He said: "I visited the headquarters of British archery at Lilleshall, in Shropshire, and met some of the country's top archers.

"I was actually given a lesson by one of the leading coaches, and then realised I was being watched by the interna-tionals - no pressure

"But they gave me some useful tips, and I

PCSOs keep eye on parking

ENFORCEMENT of parking regula-tions in Maesteg is now being under-taken by PCSOs, as lights in Maesteg ing at 11am.

That information was That information was given to Maesteg Town Council by PC Dave Rees, after members complained about illegal and makes its w parking throughout the

town centre.

He said that all the PCSOs had been tasked to look at parking, but that they cannot be in the

town centre all day.

Parking outside schools was also being tackled ,with officers attending Plasnewydd School to assist the lol-

lipop lady.

The whole question of parking enforcement in the county borough has to be tackled, as police have indicated that from December they will no longer be responsible for

It is understood that the borough council has been looking at options to employ their own parking wardens, but no has been made yet.



MP managed to hit the target, Jenkins Archers. Irranca- which was a relief, "They are a credit to though I did it from the local community and about 10 metres – they through these clubs I've food at travets 70 metres. shoot at targets 70 metres

away!" Mr including the Blandy- als," he concluded.

seen the ability archery first-hand inspired by local clubs, confidence of individu

Greetings to and from the Rock!

Gibraltar will have pride of place in the town council for many Town years. Maesteg Council chamber thanks to Cor Merched Cwm

The town's ladies choir took a coat of arms and greetings from Mayor Phil John to received by the mayor, who was delighted to Mayor Phil John to received by the mayor, Gibraltar when they perwho was delighted to formed a concert there receive the plaque and and met the mayor of the British enclave.

He has now sent his the Town Council thanked the choir for pre-gratings and a plaque to receive the mayor.

greetings and a plaque to senting them with the Maesteg which was plaque which will be delivered by choir vice placed on display in the chairman Jackie chamber.

A PLAQUE bearing Summers, former chair-the coat of arms of man Ruth Dennis and

Mrs Summers told councillors that the choir had just returned from a successful visit to Spain which included the visit

Lighting up the Maesteg festive parade

there are no longer are being switched any traffic wardens.

That information are left and switched include a fireworks dis-Saturday,

The parade will leave Ewenny Road at 3.45pm and makes its way along Commercial Street and winner of the schools poster competition will help the mayor switch on the lights.

The best dre

dow competition will be and other activities.

Christmas held that day, with judg-

The ceremony will play and there will be the usual Father Christmas grotto and disco in the Town Hall.

The annual Christmas fayre takes place in the

MAESTEG MAP FOR FRAMING

THE cost of framing a map of Maesteg for display at the new Y Llynfi library, has cost £239

The map, which measures ten feet by seven, was found by the town council and shows the town in

The initial estimate of the cost of framing was £100 but members heard that it had ended up at

The map has been presented to the new reference report to cabinet on this library in the Sports Centre where it will be put on

Kenfig Hill welcomes new priest-in-charge

PARISHIONERS at Kenfig Hill welcomed licensed as priest-in-charge by the Archbishop of Wales, Archbishop of viares,
Dr Barry Morgan, at a schemes.
service on Tuesday evening in St said; "I am delighted Theodore's Church. to license Rev Mr Durley, 44, was justified by the service of the service previously curate at the benefice of Newton Nottage, Porthcawl. He is also the community development officer for the Diocese of Llandaff.

Gating of back lanes

BACK lanes in Caerau are being enclosed with gates by Bridgend County Borough Council.

Following the success of the pilot project to gate the lane running between Talbot Street and Plasnewydd Street in the town centre, the council has agreed to install gates in two fur-

ther back lanes. They are the lane running between Wesley Street and Lloyd Street and the lane between Caerau Road and Treharne Road.

Residents are issued with keys to access the

He was ordained as a priest in 2006, havtheir new vicar, Rev ing previously worked Jonathan Durley was as a social worker on

priest-in-charge of Kenfig Hill and diocesan community development office.

"Ionathan brings with him a wide experience in social work.

"I am confident he will engage particularly closely with the community development work already being done in this area, and in the whole diocese, and help build on them as part of his ministry."

Maesteg donations MAESTEG Town

Council has made the following donations: National Eisteddfod, £100; Support Victim Cymru, £100; Air Ambulance Wales, £100; Bobath Children's Therapy centre, £100.

Bridgend's Elizabeth is honoured with gold



ABOVE: Elizabeth Cooke.

A BRIDGEND nurse has been officially honoured with a gold award.

Elizabeth Cooke was among the main recipients at this year's Wales Care Awards ceremony in Cardiff City Hall, and won her award in the catego-ry for Promoting Fulfilled Lives, sponsored by Boots Care Service.

Elizabeth (32) started work in the care sector after leaving school 15 years ago and for the past 11 years has worked for April Complete Care Solutions Ltd, based in Bridgend.

For just over a year, she has cared full-time for a young local woman with severe complex needs— and it is her work, with the client which prompted her manager Wendy Duckworth to nominate her for

GEM winner collects prize from SCATS



RURAL retailer easy access from SCATS Farm & Junction 36 of the M4. Country presented one lucky winner with a brand new multi fuel stove, just in time for Christmas – after running a competition in

tion in The Glamorgan GEM.

Mrs Merrill White from Bridgend, walked away with her very own Hamlet Hardy 4 multi fuel stove worth £399 after entering the actif after entering the exciting competition.

It was launched to celebrate the opening of SCATS Farm & Country's first store in Wales and the 20th store

within its portfolio.

Mrs White said: "I was delighted to hear that I had won a stove from SCATS Farm & Country. The Hamlet Hardy 4 will create a cosy living environment for my home just in time for winter!"

The store is located in a prominent position on the Brackla Industrial Estate in Bridgend with

NOTTAGE PTA FAIR

NOTTAGE Primary School PTA, holds its Christmas fayre on Friday, December 3, at 3.45pm.

Fun for all the family - raffle, tombola, hot dogs, sweets, refresh-ments, cakes, books and toys; plus stalls selling handmade bags, soaps,

jewellery and cosmetics. Father Christmas and his helpers will a special Christmas story to groups of children who visit him. Admission £1 for adults. Everyone welcome

The 3.2 acre site feaments and a Welsh food to make Christmas and drink department. cosier!"

Justin Lewis, store and yard products.

from manager said: "We have a wide range of Multifuel stoves in store from qualtures a large retail shop ity suppliers such as stocking everything for Villager and Kensal. the farmer and rural Customers are welcome dweller, including ani- to come into the store mal health and hus- and get expert advice bandry items, a Mole from our knowledgeable Valley Farmer's Farm staff if they are looking The Service customer desk, to invest in a one of our pet and equine depart- fantastic Multifuel stoves

> The store also offers a A large yard area The store also offers a holds good stocks of tim- separate large animal ber, fencing, gates and feed store with a dedicat-fuel tanks with a separate ed sales office, where garden area stocking out- customers can make purdoor furniture, planters chases and obtain specialist advice on all feed

NEWS FROM the BRIDGEND LIONS

Santa (and his elves) are on the way!

ing to town? He has a red coat and hat. a white beard and a great big sack? Yes, it's Santa Claus.

This Saturday, November 27 at 1.30pm. he'll be coming on his sleigh, with the real rein-deer, along Dunraven Place to his grotto, opposite the main post office.

At 4pm he will leave the grotto on his sleigh and go along Market Street to switch on the Christmas decorations, helped by one lucky child, the winner of the slogan competition. Santa will be back in

his grotto on Saturdays, December 4, 11 and 18

GUESS who is com- between 10am and 4pm, and he looks forward to seeing all good children there

The Lions Club and HD Ltd. are delighted to help Santa and his elves as part of the 'Christmas as part of the 'Christmas in Bridgend' celebra-tions, being organised by the Town Council, BCBC and the Bridgend Festivals Committee.

There will be stalls and many other festive events going on in the town in the run-up to Christmas including, on December 11, 'Elfsteddfordd'. attempt to break the world record for getting the most elves in one

Harmony, and a seasonal demo!

T the month-A ly meeting of Laleston WI news and reports were given, including a humorous report by treasurer Margaret Aylen on the federation meeting held at Barry.

One of the guest speakers, Ruth Bond, spoke about the newly ormed WI Harmony

LALESTON WI NEWS

group. The CD they recorded at Abbey Road (of Beatles fame) is now out on release.

Guest speaker for the evening was Clare Orchid, who gave a seasonal demonstration of table arrangements, wreaths and how to transform a modest present into something special.

Clare made several arrangements and kindly donated them to the evening raffle. All were gratefully received by the lucky

winners.
The next meeting at Laleston Garden Club on December 2, at 7.15pm will be the Christmas meeting (members bring a plate). Come and join us we will be pleased to see you.

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Top music award for Kenfig Hill's Megan

A KENFIG HILL woman has received one of the most prestigious awards in the world of music.

Megan Inglesant has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians in a ceremony held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. This annual presenta-

tion takes place in London during an act of worship and alternates between Lambeth Palace, The Queen's Chapel and

Westminster Cathedral.
This year's awards were presented by Rt
Rev Graham James,
Bishop of Norwich.

Megan is in very exalted company, as others who have received the award include the Most Rev Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Tutu. and Desmond

Mrs Inglesant has been the organist at Margam Abbey since 1947 and is renowned for the excellence of her liturgical playing.

She has completed 63 years of dedicated service as organist of the

abbey.

Megan was born in
Kenfig Hill and her love
of organ music started when she was appointed deputy organist of St Theodore's Church, at the age of just 13.



ABOVE: Megan Inglesant - prestigious award.

three inspirational teach- Meibion Cwm Garw. ers who were all fellows of the Royal College of Organists – Vera Henry

In 2003, Megan to promote opportunites received the Archbishop of Wales award for services to church music in a only a few organists and ceremony Cathedral.

Her musical work has also included working in both Cynffig and Bryntirion comprehensive schools as a pianist and accompanist in their music departments.

She has toured Canada

as accompanist for the Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir and was also invit-

was taught by ed to Germany with Co

Megan is also a bor-ough councillor repreough councillor representing Kenfig Hill on Llewelyn of Bridgend; BCBC and is also a Dilys Morgan Lloyd of trustee of the Margam Swansea, and Douglas Hawkridge of London.

at Brecon church musicians each

The Guild exists to promote the highest pos-sible standards of music in church services.
The Queen's Chapel is

one of the most historic buildings in central London located in an area known as the Savoy It is the last surviving structure of a hospital founded in 1512.

Jayne Isaac

Waitrose: plans for new store to go on show

RESIDENTS will be asked for their views on plans for a Waitrose food store to replace the former garden cen-tre at RH Bird Ltd in Cowbridge next month.

A two-day public consultation will take place there on December 3 from 10am-7pm and on December 4 from 10am-2pm to obtain public feedback on the scheme.

A spokesman for the planning consultants said: "Waitrose have wanted to come to Cowbridge for a long time and are delight-ed that they have been able to secure an agreement for

Ltd. The project team are keen to communicate the details of the scheme with the local community, to encourage an open exchange of views.

"Subject to the responses we receive during the consultation, RS Bird Ltd and Waitrose aim to submit a planning application by mid-December 2010.

"If this was success ful, Waitrose would hope to open the new store in 2012", he added.

It is understood that the Bird family's redevelopment of the site also includes proposals for parking for 150 cars along with other shop units.

'No racism in Caerau' says PC

HATE crimes in the Maesteg area remain a small problem - this assurance was given to members of Maesteg Town Council by PC Dave Rees.

Coun Phil White asked about the situation and if there were issues to do with race, sexuality or disabili-

PC Rees said that Caerau had received bad publicity in the

past for racially motivated incidents, but that perpetrators are mainly youths, who were drunk and had made throwaway remarks.

He said that while this was unacceptable, there was no underlying feeling of racism in Caerau.

He said that the remarks were made as a result of alcohol and ignorance and had been dealt with.

Research project reaches out to raise local food profile

REACH rural development programme for Bridgend, is raising awareness of locally-produced foods with a research project that addresses the low profile of local food producers amongst retail networks.

David Roderick, rural food coordinator, Reach, said: "Currently, there are only a small number of rural food producers in Bridgend county bor-ough with limited ability to supply to small retailers, hospitality providers and the public sector.

"This research is vital in order to understand the range and volumes of local foods produced by rural businesses.
"We aim to raise the

profile of these business es by looking at how they currently market their products and find innovative ways to increase the amount of local produce available within the borough."

December 5 (at 10.30am-4pm).

be donated to Sustainable Wales.

ablewales.org.uk for further details.



Plan to give job seekers a boost

Ogmore valleys are being given a boost by social housing provider Valleys to Coast (V2C).

It is working in part-ership with the nership nership with the Construction Training Centre in Maesteg and Wetherby, an insulation system manufacturer, to create jobs and training in the area.

A spokesperson explained: "Starting with a multi-million pound

GREEN SANTA!

SUSTAINABLE WALES and social enterprise

SUSSED are organising a 'green Christmas craft

market' at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion on

Santa will be making an appearance in a costume

on the door - adults £1, children 50p - which will

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JOB SEEKERS in investment to improve the Llynfi and the energy efficiency of homes in the Llynfi and homes in the Llynfi and Ogmore valleys, the partnership identified a skills gap for the fast-growing sector of energy-efficiency, and developed a solu-tion that will give an eco-

nomic boost to the county borough.

"The partners have created a new training course, to be run from the centre in Maesteg, which will be the starting point for all trainees of the project.

"The investment will provide over 700 weeks worth of training over the next six months, along with NVQ Level 1 & 2 Construction qualifications for many of the trainees benefitting from the project.

Wetherby have also located a new depot in Heol-Ty-Gwyn Industrial Estate and are looking to made from recycled and fairtrade fabrics. Entry fee provide further training for local depot workers.

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V A NEWMAN GLASS QUIZ LEAGUE

Arms stronger than Oak THE only team in Mackworth Arms, who Heol-y-Cyw RFC.

Division 1 with a 100 per cent record Llangewydd Arms, who beat hitherto unbeaten Royal Oak Nomads 49-46 on Monday, November 15.

The match was virtually decided after the written section with Llangewydd three ahead.

After that, both had good individual rounds and it was pretty much even throughout the callout round.

A good game played in a good spirit.

Llynfi Arms joined Nomads in second place as a result of a good win at Maesteg Catholic Club by 52 points to 45. Then came had a 53–38 win over Laleston Inn A and Oldcastle A who beat Tyrisha Royals 49–41.

The remaining game in Division 1 was an extremely close thing Coychurch Wanderers winning 38–37. In the second divi-

sion, Laleston Inn B had top score with a 57–44 victory against Cabo Roche but Six Bells, who won 53–40 at Pheasant Gamekeepers, Pheasant Gamekeepers, remain four points clear at the top because Llangeinor AFC, who were second, lost 45–43 at Oldcastle B, which takes the latter team away from bottom place.

Oddfellows Arms got the better of Pyle RFC by 43 to 33 and Pheasant Poachers won 49–41 at

HERE are your four

1. Which ship was depicted on the reverse of the old halfpenny coin from 1937 to 1967?

2. The Bridal chorus commonly known as 'Here Comes The Bride' is a piece of music by which composer?

3. Which Parisian

sports stadium is named after a World War 1 French fighter pilot? **4.** Who, in

Shakespearian play said: "The evil that men do lives after them"?

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4. Mark Antony Answers:
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2. Wagner.
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INQUEST INTO FIVE YEAR OLD'S DEATH HEARS OF BRIDGEND BUTCHER'S POOR HYGIENE STANDARDS

centre of a fatal E.coli outbreak which claimed the life of a five-year-old boy, sold rotten meat for years before the tragedy, an inquest in Newport heard.

Mason Jones, of Deri, near Bargoed, lost his life to the deadly food poisoning bug which struck 44 schools in the south Wales valleys.

The outbreak, in September 2005, had become the second biggest to hit the UK by the time it ran its course.

Mason's mother Sharon Mills sobbed repeatedly

at the inquest into his death in Newport.

The coroner's court also heard allegations of chronically lax hygiene practices at the butcher's business, where the outbreak apparently originated

John Tudor and Son, based at Bridgend Industrial

Woman (57) is found dead at Southerndown

police

deceased.

officers

"We would like to

extend our sympathy to

the family of the

recovered the body

A COWBRIDGE cessfully evacuated both woman found dead Southerndown has been named as Judith Ricketts, who was 57 years old.

She was reported missing at 9.30am on Wednesday, November 17, and Vale police located a body at the foot of cliffs at Southerndown later in

the morning.
The area commander for the Vale of Glamorgan, Supt Jay Dave, said: "Two police officers who made their way to the foot of the cliffs to check the body were cut off by high seas and an incoming tide.

"A rescue helicopter was called from RAF Chivenor, which suc-

dential homes for the elderly.

Company boss and owner William John Tudor, was jailed for one year at Cardiff Crown Court in September 2007.

Tudor admitted six counts of placing unsafe food on the market and one of failing to protect food against the risk of contamination.

The inquest heard he habitually lied to the author-

ities about his practices and falsified records - two months at a time.

His underhand practices were so habitual he literally used to pass off mutton as lamb to his cus-

tomers, the inquest was told.

Detective Superintendent Paul Burke headed a criminal inquiry after the firm was pinpointed as the source of the outbreak.

He said staff at the firm were interviewed about

"A number of people told me in interviewed about hygiene standards during the inquiry.
"A number of people told me in interview about meat that was smelling or poor and when brought to Mr Tudor's attention they were told to put it in the faggots," he said.

"When meat was turning yellow they were told to 'mince it up' and put it in the faggots."

The idea being that because faggots were spicy they would hide the taste of the meat.

He added: "Mutton was literally passed off as

The firm would buy frozen New Zealand mutton and sell it on to customers as Welsh lamb.

False batch numbers linking it to a legitimate farm in Abergavenny were used to hide its origin.

He said that according to staff at the firm, disregard for hygiene rules had gone on for years.

It was not known whether any of the affected schools ever received the faggots or mutton.

Equally, it was not possible to tell whether the factory had caused other E.coli or food poisoning outbreaks in the past.

He said Tudor was well aware of safe hygiene

practice because he had successfully sat a grade three hygiene diploma in 2002.

But some staff members were found to have never attended even basic hygiene courses, despite the need to do so It was also found his factory's only vacuum pack-

ing machine was "not fit for purpose" and was used for both raw and cooked meats.

A "dirty old brush and container of water" was used to clean the machine between different users; often it was not cleaned at all

Cooked and raw meats were stored together and decomposing meat was discovered in a fridge sec-

Meat seized from the operation was found to con-

YMCA's offer to town council

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.)

Mrs Ricketts trained as a teacher in Cardiff, will be over three where she grew up, and later managed the floors and facilities will include a board-Tenovus charity shop in Cowbridge, before retirroom, two large halls ing in November 2009. Her brother Dr John Rogers paid tribute to his hub. There will be a being

lift. The building in John bers of the council, who Borough Council the YMCA to see the Street is already well argue that the offices in (BCBC) to see if they way forward for this used both for activities Victoria Avenue are too would be willing to sell, suggestion," he said. He said: "She was a bubbly, joyous soul. She had 57 years on this years on this organised by the YMCA earth, most of which were joyous and happy itself and by other organisations, which and that's how she will be fondly remembered." hire rooms for meetings The death is not being and various activities.

There will be arts and treated as suspicious and a file is being prepared crafts facilities and a coffee bar provided in the new building. Mr Berry said that it for H M Coroner

would be possible to provide full-time offices which the town council could rent, and the boardroom would be large enough to accommodate the council with room for press and public in a setting that was consistent with the standing of the town council.

Mr Berry said that moving to premises in the centre of town would be beneficial to taxpayers Porthcawl.

He told The GEM that some informal discussions have already taken place and there had been interest in the proposal.



· See you in Cowbridge this Sunday, boys and girls!
Santa & Rudolph

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and facilities

the town council is considering whether to buy if the council is to purchase a property, it conservative

BCBC but it movement. be that we can offer

room, two large halls The possible purthe building valued and ing tonight. and a community chase of the offices is tentative approaches "I will being opposed by have been made to mending that the coun-Liberal Democrat mem- Bridgend County cil holds a meeting with

the town where it would Town Council, said that room-style meeting of renting from us." them a cheaper option have a high profile. the matter was being discussed at their meet the matter was being will be recom-

Bridgend gets set for

Santa, when he makes a special visit to Bridgend town centre this Saturday, November 27.

A competition, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council and Bridgend Town Council, involved completing the sentence 'I love Bridgend at Christmas because ...' and was open to children aged between 5 and 10.

A panel of judges selected the winner, Jade Thomas from Brackla, who loves Bridgend at Christmas because.. shops are full of lovely things, stop and listen as voices sing. Trees and on Bridgend's Christmas lights.

Sellwood and Tomos Florence were commended for their

Santa will glide into Queen Street on his sleigh at 1.30pm on Saturday, accompanied by his trusty reindeer. He will then travel to Dunraven Place to open his Christmas grotto, welcoming children and making a note of everyone's Christmas list, while the reindeer take a well-earned rest opportunity for some festive photographs.

At 4.30pm Santa will set out for Market Street, where he will be turning killed Mason.

The same strain was found at a Welsh farm where the meat originated, and an abattoir where Tudor bought the meat.

Mr Burke stressed that a certain percentage of healthy cattle carry the strain of E.coli without harm

But the fact it could prove deadly to people, par-ticularly children and elderly, underlined why basic hygiene was necessary

THE INQUEST CONTINUES.

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THE TEAM

Haydn Lloyd BSc./DMS, employed with Dalgety Agriculture for 12 years and has been running Allpump for more than

six years. He has an honours degree in Agriculture Economics at Reading University in 1985 and completed

Diploma in Management Studies at Kingston University in 1990.

Eleri Lloyd also worked with Dalgety Agriculture, then had 18 years continuous service with Carmarthenshire Pembrokeshire and County Councils.

Haydn and Eleri also have a 250-head dairy herd in St Clears, which is run independently by the farm herdsman Dale Reynolds.

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the farm to see the new washdown system in the new Waikato parlour, plus dirty water system and flood wash complete with filtration plant?

The team also includes people with experience in pumps and pumping systems, manu-facturing and engineering with notable companies such as Dalgety and A & M generators, a water engineer who recently left the Navy after almost 20 years, and engineers with a wealth of mechanical

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the family and will even be including them

in the family Christmas presents!

If you can help feed a sheltered animal

this winter, please bring your pet food

donation to The GEM in Cowbridge and

we will pass it to one of the local shelters.

Christmas switch on! LOCAL children have had a lights are all aglow, where else would I chance to win a sleigh ride with want to go? Santa when he makes a special Seren

The former Auditor General is jailed for child porn offences

THE former Auditor General for Wales has been put behind bars for eight months at Cardiff Crown Court for possessing scores of indecent images of children.

Jeremy Colman,(62), who earned £170,000 per year, resigned in February.

He pleaded guilty to 14 offences in connection with possessing and making pornographic images of children.

Earlier this month, he had been due to stand trial on pornography charges relating to possessing and making 429 indecent images of children.

At the last minute, he changed his plea to guilty when the prosecution agreed to reduce the overall number of images to 182.

The Cambridge-educated Colman, the son of a Fleet Street cartoonist, also pleaded guilty to a 15th charge of failing to disclose a password which would have allowed the police access to information on a USB memory

The Recorder of Cardiff, Judge Nicholas Cooke, said he had viewed some of the images of boys performing sex acts and he described them as "utterly revolting material."
He told Colman, who had lived

in St Nicholas,but had moved to a village near Peterborough: "I think it's fair to say that I found myself feeling sick.

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Colman had tried to prevent the police discovering indecent

images in his possession by delet-ing files and hiding hard drives. In January, Colman told offi-cials at the Wales Audit Office, that he had accessed cooled not that he had accessed social networking websites on his office computer, had had sexual conversations, received unsolicited photographs and sent a naked picture of himself to someone he met

Following that said Mr Griffiths, he was advised to take sick leave and an investigation

began.

The police executed a search
of Colman's two warrant at one of Colman's two offices, at the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay and found that he had deleted many sex images from his computer, but they were able to recover them from a cache of deleted items.

The court heard that Colman had used Google to search for material. Four computers were recovered from his south Wales home, none of which had their hard drives in them.

His counsel, Wendy Hewitt, said Colman admitted full responsibility. He was twice-married. and remained married, she said.

At one point, the Judge said that he wanted to be completely satisfied that Colman had deliber-Prosecutor Roger Griffiths said ately accepted images and if that

was not the case, he would have evidence called.

He said that the mitigation up to that point had been "tendenand there had been an attempt at fudging.

Colman, the court heard, was not paying for his defence and was on legal aid at that stage.
Said the judge: "I am conscious both of the fact that this case is a personal tragedy for you and your wife, and it must be both the reality and the clear perception that you have received no special treatment by way of severity or leniency because of who you

The images, said the judge, could only have been made by the abuse of children and they had been taken into the National Assembly causing "very considerable embarrassment to that

Some of the images, the court heard, were of level four - one below the most serious.

Colman was ordered on release to sign the Sex Offenders' Register for 10 years and at the end of the case was ordered to pay £3,500 costs.

Colman graduated in mathe-matics from Peterhouse College, Cambridge, and had been Private Secretary to the head of the Home Civil Service. In the Treasury, he had been

involved in the privatisation of the British Airports Authority and British Airways, and had worked in Prague for an international firm of accountants.

Tobias: UPDATE



LAST week, The **GEM** reported on the fundraising event for six years old Tobias Lunnon at Cafe Continental on Barry Island.

Tobias was paralysed in a car accident in the summer and remains at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

The event raised £2,000 for a youngster who is having to face the prospect of never being able to walk.

Tracey Smith, who helped to organise the Cafe Continental evening, said: "One of Tobias's great pleasures is conversing with his friends at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant via Skype.

"Thanks to the generosity of people, the fundraising total has reached more than £4 000

"If anyone would like to cheer Tobias up with a Christmas card, they should send it to:

Tobias Lunnon, C/O Addenbrooke's Hospital, Picu Ward, Box 7, Hill Road, Cambridge, CB2

assault by Barry man

Argument led to an

AFTER an argument about the alleged non-payment of rent, a panel beater attacked a man in

Barry . Cardiff Crown Court heard that Lewis Farmer (24) struck Mr Chad Clemo to the left side of his face, causing cuts to his chin and lip, which bled profusely and needed stitches.

When Farmer left the scene, he told him "I'll be back with a samurai sword," said prosecutor Tony Trigg.
Later Farmer returned

to the scene and was

Tenovus event BARRY Friends of Tenovus are holding a Christmas coffee morning

Wednesday, December vednesday, December 15, at Romilly Bowls Club, Barry, from 10am. Tickets £2,50 available from 01446 733978. Raffle, mince pies. tombola. Christmas goods.

Lifeboat shop
THE Lifeboat Station
souvenir shop is open
on the Esplanade,
Penarth, from 2pm4 30pm 4.30pm, on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until December 19.

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SIČLUNA

spotted by the police dropping a kitchen knife with an eight-inch blade.

Farmer, of Barry, lmitted charges of admitted admitted charges of assault, possessing a bladed article and driv-ing while disqualified. He was jailed for a year, the sentence sus-

pended for two years, ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work for the community and made subject to an 8pm -7am curfew for 18 weeks involving elec-

tronic tagging.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for 12 months, ordered to pay his victim compensation of £300 and costs of £150.

Judge Philip Richards

said:"You must regard yourself as very fortu-nate indeed."

He added: "You deserve to go to prison. Possessing a knife is viewed these days with a great deal of seriousness."

The court heard that after being released on bail, Farmer was seen driving in Skomer Road, Barry, and at the time was disqualified.

He was said to have 11 previous convictions, including actual bodily harm, for assault, driving with excess alcohol and for a public order offence.

Defence counsel Keith Edwards said: "The assault was an act of misguided frustration. He did not actually threaten anyone with a

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Wild West day raises cash for Children in Need

Stagecoach Theatre Arts in Cowbridge and Bridgend raised £410 for Children in Need.

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"Great fun was had by all and they are thrilled by the amount raised for Children in Need." a spokesperson

RIGHT: Children from Stagecoach Bridgend.



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Children from Stagecoach Cowbridge who helped raise £410 for Children In Need.

Free thermometers for OAPs to check the temperature

LOCAL pensioners can get can lead to older people suffering from hypothermia and increase a free thermometer to ensure their homes are warm enough during the winter months, after Age Cymru teamed up with NHS Direct Wales.

Age Cymru's Health Initiatives Officer Rhian Pearce explains: "Older people need to look after their health during the winter nonths because the cold can have a detrimental effect on their

health. the Ke
"Exposure to cold temperatures paign.

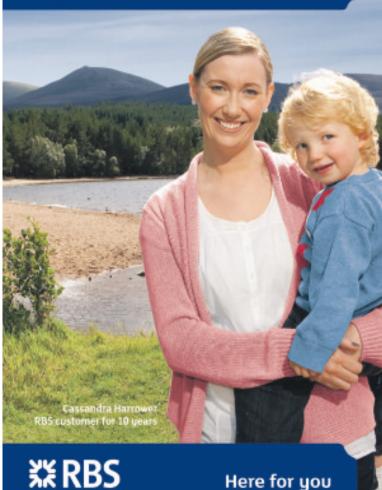
the risk of a stroke, heart attack

or respitory illnesses.
"This is why it is so important that older people are able to monitor the temperature in their homes and keep it between the safe range of 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 18 to 21 degrees Celsius."

The thermometers are available from NHS Direct Wales and Age Concern Morgannwg as part of the Keep Well this Winter camLeanne Hawker, the Partners in Healthcare Lead for the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust/NHS Direct Wales, says: These thermometers are a simple way to help people stay safe and warm in their homes this winter.

"The thermometers also have contact details for NHS Direct Wales. We are available to answer winter health enquiries 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

For a free thermometer contact NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647, or telephone Age Concern Morganwg on 01443 490650.





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Barry mother's appeal: 'Help us stop Llandough maternity unit closing'

helped to launch an internet campaign to save the materniunit Llandough Hospital from closure.

Lynette Spragg from Barry, who has a oneyear-old daughter Laura, opened a page on Facebook to see whether other people were as con-cerned as she was that the unit might close.

"The message I want to get across to people is that if they disagree with this happening they need

to do something.
"It is a case of appealing to people to make their voices heard. Please, please get involved."

Two groups opposed to closure on Facebook now total 700 supporters.

Lynette, who gave birth to Laura on November 20 last year, emphasised: "The unit is only five years old, with six double rooms. It is really fresh and clean and deals with an average of one to two births a day.

"It is a really relaxing unit and was exactly what I wanted - offering a great service.

Lynette said it would be a great loss to expectant mothers in the Vale.

Report by TIM CHAPMAN



Alun Cairns MP with Lynette Spragg and her one-year-old daughter Laura.

heard. Health Board proposal is consultation. to consolidate all mid-

od comes to an end on December 10.

s. He said: "I'd urge local residents to object

The Cardiff & Vale & Vale Health Board

"Lynette has worked wife-led births at the new tremendously hard to women's unit at the garner support for the University Hospital of Llandough unit; her own Wales as part of its wider daughter Laura was born

ook group Llandough December 10. Midwifery Led home, at UHW in either a Local MP Alun Cairns Maternity Unit' has midwife-led or consultmet Lynette and said he already succeeded in ant-led unit, or at a hospi-Midwifery was keen for local people attracting more than 600 tal in a neighbouring to contribute to the conmembers since its launch health board area. sultation, voicing any and is an important ele-objections to the propos- ment of the campaign to natal care will continue save the six bed unit in to be provided locally

formally to the proposals Llandough unit in the run in providing this care to presented in the Cardiff up to the birth of my son, mums in the area."

ciate how vital a service it is for Vale residents. To have to go to the centre of Cardiff to an already overcrowded hospital is a backward step."

When the proposals were announced in the summer, a spokesperson for the health board explained: "The UHB proposal to transfer the midwifery-led unit at Hospital University Llandough to the University Hospital of Wales needs to be set in the context of our commitment to maintaining choice for pregnant women – while also tackling the duplication of services across the Vale and Cardiff.

"This proposal in no way weakens our com-mitment to the midwifery-led model of care. Making a Difference' at Llandough last year.

The consultation perithe Facebook group

wifery-led model of care, and women will continue to have a choice about where to give birth, at to have a choice about where to give birth; at home, at UHW in either a

Llandough.

"Having used the have a major role to play

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The new extra wide 'kissing gate' allows people using motorised scooters or those pushing children in buggies to get from the car park into the woodland.

At the other end of the car park, a horse stepover has been installed.

> NEWS IN BRIEF

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Meet Santa THERE is a chance to meet Father Christmas in his grotto at All Saints School's Christmas fair on Christmas fair on Friday, November 26, at Severn Avenue, Cwm Talwg, Barry. Doors open 3-30pm. Stalls include toys and crafts. Proceeds in aid of new toilets at the

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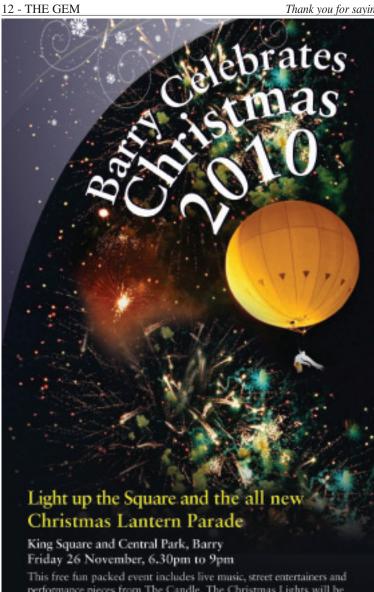
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performance pieces from The Candle. The Christmas Lights will be

The night will end with a Christmas Lantern Parade along Holton Rd starting on King Square at 8.30pm. The parade is open to everyone... create your own lantern and join in the fun. Children should always be accompanied by an adult.

Lantern making workshops are free and will take place on King Square, Barry on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November from 10am to 3pm.

Christmas Sphere

King Square, Barry, Saturday 4 December, 7pm to 9pm Don't miss this magical event... The Dream Engine will be performing their acrobatic Heliosphere Show live on the Square.

"Let it Snow"

Central Park, Barry, Saturday 11 December, 10am to 4pm

For one day only Central Park will be come a festive arena complete with snow, ice sculpting, music, Play Development's "Workshops in Wonderland® and street entertainers. Santa will also be visiting the park with his sleigh and reindeer from 10am to 3pm.

For more information please call 01446 704737 or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/events



Maendy YFC's hectic schedule

MAENDY YFC has had a very busy few months: the club's 70th anniversary celebration was marked with a Masquerade Ball at Cardiff City Hall on October 16.

The evening was well supported by past mem-bers, supporters and friends. Guests were greeted by The Mini Singers, while enjoying a drinks reception, followed by numerous tales from guest speaker Mr Dai Jones, Llanilar and finally dancing the night away to live music by Stageflight.

The annual Glamorgan YFC stockjudging competition (October 23) took place in Gower, and Maendy members did very well.

Members have recently enjoyed a Halloween

Spooktacular night (October 26), with a ghost trail and stories, pumpkin carving, games and bacon rolls. On October 30, some members volunteered their time to assist with the opening of a new country store in Bridgend, Scats

Save the Children:

$New\ ambassador$

A MERTHYR MAWR businesswoman is taking on a new voluntary role as Save the Children's corporate ambassador for Wales.

Mrs Wendy Bailey has given her services to Save the Children for more than 18 years. She is a former Chair of the Women in Wales committee, which is responsible for organising a prestigious luncheon every year at Cardiff City Hall, raising more than £45,000 for the charity's work.

As a member of the committee, Wendy was responsible for producing the luncheon programme and obtaining sponsorship, and in total has managed to raise more than £180,000 for Save the Children.

She worked in PR and advertising for 35 years and was a founder partner and managing director of the Golley Slater advertising and public relations agency based in Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham and London.

Since retiring six years ago, Wendy has dedicated her time to supporting the work of Save the Children which works in more than 100 countries worldwide, including here in Wales, helping children affected by poverty.

which was a combination of bingo and a quiz in support of Daniel Cherriman, who is raising money

for the Countryside Alliance Campaign.

There has also been a trip to Cardiff's Winter Wonderland (November 16), where there was an interesting display of Torville and Dean wanabees!

The forthcoming weeks are also set to be actionpacked, including: Glamorgan public speaking competitions on December 5; Maendy YFC Christmas carol service on December 14; and the Carmarthenshire Queen's Ball on December 21.

For information on the club, contact chairman Mr Ieuan Rosser on 07732 626314, or visit website www.maendy.btck.co.uk.

COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is: Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

WICK CHAPEL: Countdown to Christmas. November 28, 3pm; Advent service, December 5. The Gift of Christmas. 3pm; December 19, carols, cards, readings and surprises at 3pm. Warm welcome extended to all.

OGMORE RETIRED RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION met at the Watermill, when the guest speaker was local Police Constable Robin Mellors, who told of his work in the force and demonstrated the equipment police officers have to carry around

with them. A most informative and enjoyable afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Rosamond Davies of Slade Organic Farm, who took top prizes for their lamb at the True Taste Awards at Haverfordwest recently.

Slade Farm Organics have a regular stall at the local produce mar-ket held in the church hall, St Brides Major The next market will be on December 18, 10am-12 noon. THE PACT meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 1 at the church hall at 6pm

when the local con-stabulary will attend.

All are welcome.

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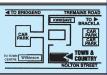
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THERE was a packed programme of fundraising events in Porthcawl Comprehensive School during Children in Need week.

However, nothing was more eagely anticipated than the Friday finale, when teachers stepped on stage for a staff version of X-Factor.



ABOVE: Mr Booth croons while the judges (below) prepare their put-downs!



ABOVE and BELOW: For the pupils, it was definitely a non-uniform day!



ABOVE: The piano man was Mr Wisby.





ABOVE: Now, the rock trivia anoraks will point out that ZZ Top had two bearded guitarists, and a clean-shaven drummer (called Frank Beard), but who cares? Porthcawl, are you ready to rock? ...with Mr John, Mr Shutt and Mr Purcella











Woman is jailed over £48,000 theft from a family business

ager who stole nearly £48,000 from a family business has been ordered to pay back just £5.

Susan Broad was even warned that if she fails to repay the £5, she will have to serve a further seven days behind bars on top of the 18month prison term she was given after admitting seven counts of theft and two fraud

charges.
The 52-year-old spin-

some £96,000 in debt, had spent the cash on holidays, including a South American trip,

plate for her car. She had worked at Brecon Motors and its sister company Brecon Car Rentals for 12 years and stole the money by failing to register payments and issuing refunds to her own

Broad, of Jobs Lane, Cefn Coed. Merthyr Tydfil, appeared before

credit cards.



ABOVE: SUSAN BROAD.

CROWN COURT REPORT by TWM OWEN

a judge at the town's Crown Court on Friday, November 12, having previously admitted the 'rubbish' and even a personalised licence charges at Brecon Magistrates' Court.

Originally, Broad admitted thefts totalling £65,600 but the prosecution said it was no longer pursuing a charge relating to the sale of a minibus and that was dismissed.

Richard Ace, prose-cuting, told the court: "Susan Broad had worked for the family since 1996 and was described as a good worker and, as her responsibilities increased, she was promoted.

Mr Ace said Broad took the money from the Rich Way-based companies during a four-year period from 2004 to when she left in 2008, shortly before she was revealed as the reason why 'significant irregularities' had appeared in the company accounts.

He said at the rental company Broad would refund deposits to her own credit cards while Brecon Motors used two computer systems, which allowed Broad to accept and pocket payments herself without registering them on the

payment system. But she was arrested at her home in November, 2008, and told police: "I did it, I'm sorry I've been very stupid." at her home in

Clare Wilks, defending, said Broad was unable to offer an explanation: "There is no real explanation for this behaviour which is

out of character.
"It is a sad day for her, she's come to court with her parents who she lives with. Both are elderly and in ill health. She will be punished but so will her parents, as she provides support

to them. Jailing Broad, Judge John Curran told her: You were in a very responsible and highlytrusted position and stole substantial sums of cash totalling over £47,000. "Some went on debts

but some was spent on things like foreign holidays, including a trip to South America, and a personalised number

He said he had to impose an immediate custodial sentence and the company was 'com-paratively small' and suspicion had been cast on other employees.

The judge had origi-nally intended to order Broad to pay just £1 back until he was reminded by the court clerk the minimum amount is £5. Broad will serve half her sentence behind bars and the reminder on licence in the community.

Jonathan Williams, a director of the family firms, told The Brecon & Radnor Express he

felt the financial penalty

"I think it should have been looked at where the money went. It doesn't appear to have been a deep enough investigation into how the money was spent. Her assets should have been seized. She must have personal items that could have been sold.'

Mr Williams said he was shocked that a trusted member of staff had betrayed him: "She worked for us for 12 years and I thought we had looked after her, as with all the staff. It will affect how you recruit. It has knocked my faith in employing people.
"I think she had got

and Merthyr Tydfil a into trying to live a life she couldn't afford. We always thought as she was living at home with her parents and, as she had a motability car, she had little outgoings and her wages were pocket money. She was always boasting about her holi-

days."
He added that Broad in hadn't been replaced in the business and he and his wife were now working longer hours, and he hoped the case would be a warning to other firms.

• The parish priest of Llantwit Major, Fr Piers Maher, told The GEM that Susan Broad was an occasional, weekend member of the congrega-

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Difficult budget, but it's up to Assembly to answer our needs'

THE Vale is already one of the lowest-funded local authority areas in Wales, so what does the Welsh Assembly Government budget, published last week mean for us?

In this current financial year, the Vale Council received £1,221 per person in funding from the Assembly Government: Bridgend received £1,341, Rhondda Cynon Taff £1,490

staggering £1,566. The total shortfall on a council-wide basis when compared to Bridgend, amounts to a staggering £14m. Imagine what could be done with that money?

This sum is broadly equivalent to one new secondary school a year, the resurfacing of 300 miles of roads, 400 extra teachers, or a signifi-cant reduction in

Council Tax.
It is also worth considering the cumulative effect of such a shortfall year on year. Clearly, the matter is not as simple as I suggest above, but it does indicate the scale of the task that the Vale



Vale MP Alun Cairns

reports to **GEM** readers

Council has compared to other neighbouring authorities. It was also disap-

pointing to note that the NHS budgets in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have been protected against cuts.

Sadly, here in Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government opted to cut the budget in real

We already have longer waiting lists than England, and I am worried about the potential consequences on health cuts here. I hope that there will be a change of plan by the time

the final budget is

Finally, there is also a case to review the way Wales receives its funding from Westminster.

The allocation is currently distributed by a mathematical formula that has been in place since the 1970s. Some research indicates that Wales loses out.

The government agrees that this needs to be looked at in some detail, but for the moment the existing formula remains.

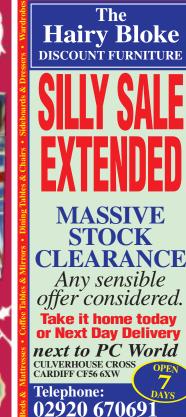
I was also concerned to hear David Blunkett MP call for a cut to Wales' budget in the House of Commons, when he sought to argue for more money for his Sheffield constituen-

cy. There are also some reports of the Assembly being given tax-raising powers!

All in all, this was a difficult budget and my colleagues and I have been calling for a fair deal, for Wales and for the Vale.

It is now up to the Welsh Assembly Government to answer our needs.





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Pictured above: Back row - Anthony Thomas, Robert Fouracre and Arthur Thompson. Front row - Mary Litherland and Alan Pacey.

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Following the death of Alfred, his son, Rowley, continued the business until 1962, when Trevor Fourocre with wife Vera became proprietors.

As the business grew, they moved to 36 & 38 Tynewydd Road Barry, in order to provide a service chapel and better facilities for the deceased and the bereaved. In 1983, Mr Fouracre purchased the current building, the old Drill Hall on Gladstone Road, next to the Memorial Hall, that had previously been used by the South & Mid Glamorgan Music & Drama College.

The private chapel at the funeral home seats approximately 200 people on rescued pews, following the closure of Bethesda Chapel on the High Street. On many occasions the private chapel has held funerals for religious and non-religious families, allowing more than 500 people to take part in the service under cover in the large foyer area. It also has a speaker system, enabling everyone to clearly hear the proceedings. The Memorial Hall car park, next to the funeral home, is available for the use of the mourners.

Each funeral director at the funeral home serving bereaved families of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan is fully qualified to recognised industry standards.

Robert Fouracre, Senior Funeral Director, lives in Barry, is married with two sons, and is the son of the late Mr Trevor Fouracre. He started with the business in 1982 after being trained as a mechanical engineer with Rolls Royce. Robert holds the Diploma in Funeral Directing, and even after 28 years, still takes pride in ensuring that the business built up by his father, mother and other family members continues to meet the highest standards.

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Anthony Thomas, Funeral Director, started with A. G. Adams & Son straight from school in 1982 after being on the Government YTS scheme. After six months, Trevor Fouracre employed Anthony on a full time basis. Anthony, married to Kathryn, gained experience of all aspects of the profession, and in 1995, Anthony obtained his Advanced Diploma in Funeral Directing. He is also a member of the British Institute of Funeral Directors and on June 1st 2010, celebrated 28 years with the company. Anthony supports the community with his charity work for the Freemasons and is also an active member of the local Amateur Dramatics Society.





Alan Pacey, the third Funeral Director at the funeral home, moved to Wales in 2008 to be closer to his family. A Funeral Director with 23 years experience he is also a City & Guilds and Vocational Qualification trainer. Alan, married to Elaine with two children is well known in the community for his professional manner and attention to detail.

Mary Litherland (Holder) jained A. G. Adams & Son in 1994. Married with one daughter, Mary also lives near the funeral home and is well known in the community through the RAFA club, as well as other social clubs in Barry.

Our full time driver bearers are father and son, Patrick and Paul Driscoll. Patrick, transferred to Barry from James Summers in Cardiff and has been with the company for over 32 years. Paul followed his father into the profession, and recently completed a national qualification as a funeral service driver bearer.

Our other two drivers, Mel Tovey, who lives in Barry and Derek Filby from Rhoose, have both been with us for several years. Completing the team is Arthur Thompson, Assistant Manager/Funeral Director who started within the funeral profession in 1985 as a driver and maved to Barry from Manchester in 1990 as a trainee funeral director. In 1992 he became the holder of the National Diploma in Funeral Directing and has since obtained other funeral service-related qualifications.

Arthur also gives talks on the role of the funeral director to the local care and nursing homes, to assist care staff in attaining qualifications. In his spare time, Arthur helps run a team for the Cadoxton Imps football club and is also a football fan, being a season ticket holder at Cardiff City.

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Arts Minister declares new library open at Maesteg centre







£350 is raised for Children in Need

raised £350 for Children in Need last week at a series of fundraising activities, which ranged from Zumbathon to a fairy fancy dress party in the crèche.

A mini triathlon saw teams of Bridgend County Borough Council staff take to the pool and No Limits fitness suite for a test of strength, endurance and team work

The triathlon comprised a 500m swim (25 lengths of the pool), 15km cycle on an exercise bike, and 3km run on the treadmill. Each team member took on one discipline, with all participants

donating their entry fee to charity.

Gym Co-ordinator, Nicola Hunt said: "Our congratulations go out to all the eight teams that took part in the challenge, with a special mention to winning team, Telfor's trio. The event was a great success and demonstrates the willingness of staff to support such a fantastic cause."



Staff put Pudsey in the frame

pounds for the Pudsey appeal - with a Need charity.

STAFF at Specsavers in Bridgend raised repairs last week also went to the Children in

bring and buy sale, dress down day and a Bridgend said: "We're delighted to have raised customer raffle to win a giant Pudsey
Bear.

Proceeds from all glasses adjustments and surface of the surface o



THE official opening of Y plus all the music scores. Llynfi library, housed at Maesteg Sports Centre, was carried out by Alun offering extensive IT facilities the arts and culture in the that can be hired. Welsh Assembly

Government.

Ffred Jones, minister for and a separate computer suite

The ceremony was attended by pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Cynwyd Sant, who entertained The library houses the counwith a dramatic recitation and a £100,000 grant from the ty's Welsh language collection, Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi, Welsh Assembly Government.

which sang a selection of songs while the guests were assembling and also performed during the opening ceremony.

Borough Mayor Teesdale gave the vote of

The library was created with

New Gift Shop Inside Eddershaws



A New gift shop is open now at Eddershaws. It's big, it's full of thousands of gifts and most of them are between £5 and £50! This is just the place to solve your present problems and find something different.

The tay shop at Eddershaws, has a brilliant selection especially of the old tavourites. Wooden toys with great play value – cookers, fairy castles, lorries and trains, silver cross prams, rocking horses, playmates, mobiles, a thousand ideas for something a child will love and enjoy.

A new picture gallery now open in the glass house at Eddershaws. Hundreds of pictures and mirrors, lamps, and accessories that make excellent presents.

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LOCAL CHARITY NEWS /in brief

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Festive posters MACMILLAN Cancer Support is urging work colleagues to pass on Christmas greetings to each other via a festive poster, rather than sending cards to raise funds for the charity.

Macmillan fundraising manager for Bridgend, Debbie Jones, said: "We think our Christmas posters are a great idea and hope they will prove really pop-ular in workplaces. Everyone in the office can just

ular in workplaces. Everyone in the office can just write one message before putting a donation in the Macmillan collection box."

To order a Christmas poster email Christmas Posters@mktpoint.com or call 0844 264 1064 or to register to take part in the Elf Walk email rparke@macmillan.org.uk or call 01656 867 968.

Lights to remember

THE Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, will again be holding its annual Lights to Remember event, where people can sponsor a light on its Christmas tree and write a dedication which will be displayed in the hospice, on December 2.

The hospice needs a donation of red wine towards the event. Contact 02920 426068 or email clair.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

Charity fun run

Charity fun run
DIABETES UK Cymru, Marie Curie Cancer
Care and St John Cymru Wales are appealing for
more people to get into the Christmas spirit by
taking part in their first joint festive fun run
along Penarth seafront on December 12, from
2nm

So far, 30 people have signed up to the fancy dress fun run and many Penarth businesses have shown their support by providing mulled wine, mince pies and raffle prizes for the day. Penarth residents and pupils from Westbourne School will also be setting up a cake stall at the event. There will also be carol singing with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band.

For further information, or to download a registration form, visit www.penarthfunrun.com or call 029 2042 6068.

Bring and buy for Mind

MIND in the Vale of Glamorgan will be holding a Christmas bring and buy sale in the New Jerusalem Church Hall, Tynewydd Road, Barry on Saturday, December 4 from 10am-4pm.

There will be tombola, Christmas books, bric-a-

brac, competitions, toys, activities, refreshments and cakes. Free entry, all are welcome.

Appeal to dog lovers

DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing to local dog lovers to donate raffle and tombola prizes for their annual Christmas fayre at the Rehoming Centre on December 4 from 11am until 3pm.

Highlights include a Santa's Grotto for dogs and children, Christmas gifts and crafts stalls, a doggie tombola, a Christmas raffle and festive refreshments. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact the centre on 01656 725219 or visit Dogs Trust Bridgend, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D645

● £2,000: 379538

• The rollover, which now stands at £5,500, was not won this week.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920

Council news round-up

Recycling

LOCAL residents are being reminded that the Vale Council's fortnightly green waste collection service for 2010 ends at the end of November.

From Monday, November 29, green waste collections will be provided via the 'ring and request' service instead. This will operate throughout the winter until Friday, April 1, 2011, when fortnightly collections will re-commence. Residents can check the date of their last fortnightly green waste collection on their Vale recycling calendar or by visiting the council's website.

Library services

LIBRARIES in the Vale are offering even more services as they become local contact points for council servic-

Residents can collect recycling bags and dog waste bags from the libraries, pick up refuse and recycling calendars and drop by for recycling permits. Job appli-cation packs and Telev applications for the council's personal care alarm service are available.

Road works report Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant,

Barry – ongoing footway restriction.
Eagleswell Road, between junction Monmouth Way
and Leigh Close, Llantwit Major – road closure.

Pampering time

THERE is a chance to be pampered at Coastlands Family Church, on December 6, which starts with a glass of bubbly. Also included in the price of the ticket (£6) will be light refreshments, wine-tasting, mega chocolate fountains, beauty demonstrations and Christmas gift stalls.

There will also be free hand massages with beauty demonstrations.

All profits made will go to the local community for families in crisis to have food and presents. Call 07876 46593.

The event at the Barry Church will take place from 7pm-10pm.

School set to benefit from Bag2School collection campaign

BAG2SCHOOL is arranging to make a collection at Bryntirion Comprehensive

A company spokesman explained: "We are interested in good quality second hand clothing and we will pay the school £400 per tonne.

"We collect clothing, bedding curtains, soft toys, shoes belts and handbags.

Items should be taken in black bags to the school on Friday, December 10 by 11am (the school opens at 7.30am).





BEEC FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEW MECCA FOR SEAFOOD LOVERS (and other foodies!) RISES IN



The two head chefs, Rob Sharp and Mike Jones, are pictured witĥ Deb King in front of the eye-catching display cabinet of fresh fish on crushed ice, which greets diners as they enter The Beech Tree Inn.

All pictures by ROBERT **FISHER**



ABOVE: The tastefully revamped restaurant creates a smart but relaxed ambience.

ORE than a decade has passed since Food for Thought first highlighted the remarkable tale of how a much-travelled former Vale schoolboy turned chef-restaurateur came back home to fulfil a dream - by converting two 18th century barns he found in a field into a widely-acclaimed restaurant.

He named it Gilbey's and it had built a glowing reputation among discerning foodies for its high-quality cuisine and service by the time the man behind the vision, Anthony Armelin, decided to bow out.

Sadly, the company he sold it to fell victim to the recession and the landmark building near the ITV Centre at Culverhouse Cross lay empty until October 2009, when Mr Armelin reopened the restaurant as The Beech Tree Inn.

"I had been quite happy in semi-retirement, but when I heard the news about Gilbey's while on holiday abroad, I had no choice but to return. Empty buildings don't pay the bills," he says candidly. "VERY

EXCITED'

"Luckily, most of my old staff from Gilbey's were still available, which made it easier, and on opening day I was very excited, even though the timing in the middle of a recession, was not exactly ideal!

With a newly-fitted modernised kitchen and extensive refurbishment, on the evidence of this visit, the specialised seafood restaurant, which has just celebrated its first 'birthday', already seems set to repeat the success of its illustrious forebear, though in a deliberately more relaxed, informal style. *EASY*

DINING

NEWS

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BRIEF

While Gilbey's was perhaps seen as an ideal venue for the special occasion, The Beech Tree has a slightly more 'casual' approach (in the best possible sense, of course!) with the emphasis placed on "easy dining". However, perfectionist Anthony insists that

the standards set in the past remain as high as ever, with "top end ingredients" freshly prepared in full view of the diners in the restaurant by the two talented head chefs (both ex-Gilbey's) Mike Jones and Rob Sharp; and with a welcoming front-of-house King, formerly co-proprietor of the renowned Woods Bistro at Talbot Green.

Together they have created what is fast

becoming a mecca for all lovers of seafood in

the area. EYE-CATCHING **DISPLAY**

A selection of fish is arranged in an eyecatching display on crushed ice to tempt the diner on entering the attractive, well laid-out restaurant.

It all sets the scene for a truly impressive, spoilt-for-choice range of dishes that should

satisfy the most discerning of palates.

Take, for example, the wide choice of appealing starters - no fewer than 19 in all which range from soup of the day (£4.95) to hot oysters Mornay (grilled oysters in a rich

sauce (£6 for three, or £12 for six).
Other offerings include crispy tempura of tiger prawns in a sweet chilli dipping sauce (£7.95); or salt and pepper calamari with chorizo, red chilli and rocket (£6.50).

of Welsh Black Fillet. **GENEROUS PORTION**

Our choices were a generous portion of hot duck salad, beautifully cooked in a delicious ginger honey and soy dressing with crunchy toasted sesame seeds – a tasty meal in itself at £7.50; and the silken-smooth chicken liver and foie gras pate dish, with toasted brioch, caramelised red onion and fennel marmalade (£6.95).

LEFT:

The camera

view of the

the cabinet.

for a close-up

fish displayed

moves in

on ice in

Then it was on to the main course – and here again there is a wide choice, with 10 fish and eight meat dishes, ranging from the everpopular beer-battered fish and chips with mushy peas (£10) to the more indulgent Lobster Thermidor.

However, our choices fell on mouth-watering, precisely-cooked sea bass accompanied by the plumpest of plump scallops with a tasty anise butter and tomato garnish £15.95); while the pan-fried hake in butter with white wine lemon

and butter sauce also drew murmurs of appreciation.
HOME-MADE

CHIPS!

All main courses are served with a choice of real home-made chips (ah, what a delight!) new potatoes or creamy colcannon mash with optional side dishes.

After such a repast, one felt almost guilty about finishing off from the 11 desserts, but the rum pannacotta with passion fruit coulis and winter berries proved irresistible to eye and taste; as did the fresh fruit Pavlova with soft-centred meringue. TWO

COURSES

From December, the Beech Tree will also offer a two-course menu at £15 until 7pm, with five starters, including smoked salmon and Waldorf salad or Thai fishcake with a tomato and coriander salsa.

The five main courses include smoked haddock, poached egg with a pea and spinach lettuce; pan fried cod with red pepper and butter bean sauce; or rump steak with Bearnaise

All in all, The Beech Tree Inn is a very welcome addition to the area's ever-widening range of quality places to eat out and should certainly make other rival restaurants look to their laurels – which is good news for local diners!

Don John

The Beech Tree Inn is situated at Old Port Road, Culverhouse Cross, and can be contacted on 02920 593106.

The Beech Tree Inn in conjunction with

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is offering one lucky reader a chance to win a

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Dyspraxia Support Group
THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group
will be held on Monday, December 6, at 7.30pm, in the
Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

ences. It has a 24-hour helpline (01446 738945), whesite: www.vdsg.org.uk, organises social activities and runs a

laptop loan programme. Society's Christmas exhibition

The group supports children and young people with BARRY Floral Society's annual Christmas ext dyspraxia (also related conditions such as ADHD, Asperger's, dyslexia) and their parents and carers.

The Vale Dyspraxia Support Group provides advice and information as an opportunity to exchange experi
this year, a donation will be made to the club's charity, The Cardiff and Vale Alzheimer's Society. BARRY Floral Society's annual Christmas exhibition and coffee morning is on Friday, December 3, at Barry

Memorial Hall annexe, from 10.30am-12noon.
This year, a donation will be made to the club's chosen

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

Tracing local Norman links from Llanblethian to Plas Llanmihangel...

RECENTLY, Sheila in 1321 but later restored. and Val Williams started their walk at Cowbridge before making their way to Llanblethian to meet up with residents Jane and Judith.

The ruin of Llanblethian castle is better known as St Quentin's Castle, which derives its name from the St Quentin family, friends of Robert Fitzhamon, Lord of Glamorgan in the 11th century and it has a var-

ied history.
The St Quentin family had estates in Yorkshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Lincolnshire and held the castle and title until 1233, when Richard Siward took the castle during a rebellion

against King Henry III.

However, after being reconciled with the King, Siward was soon involved in another rebellion, this time with the Earl of Gloucester and the Lord of Glamorgan, Richard de

Clare founded the village of Cowbridge or Y Bont-Faen, meaning the stone bridge, and the castle at Llanblethian took on some impor-

tance.
The castle ruins that we see today date from the 13th century; it was restored in 1317 by Hugh Despenser the younger, then set on fire

During the 1400s, the castle served as administrative offices for the area, when it was owned by the Countess of Warwick and the southern guard chamber was used as a prison in the 1530s. The castle fell

1530s. The castle fell into ruins during the 19th century and is now cared for by CADW.

As the weather cleared, the group set off towards Llandough across fields and in good spirits finding their spirits finding their route was fairly clear with very little mud and in the village they saw a few primroses.

The leader changed her planned route that would have led them towards the quarry because, after recent heavy rainfall, the route would have been a mudslide and playing safe, they followed the road.

Fortunately, all four were wearing Wellington boots, which came in handy for paddling their way across a track that led to a path beside the game reserve where the autumnal colours of the trees were admired.

Upon reaching the village of Llanmihangel, they stopped at the church dedicated to St Michael and first men-tioned in 1254, which has Norman foundations and boasts an 18th cen-

tury silver chalice. Overlooking the church and its holy well and the great barn is Plas Llanmihangel, a



lovely old fortified manor house with 750 years of history.

Now this lovely building caters for bed and breakfast and has a

17th century yew tree in its garden.

Moving on to
Sigingstone, they crossed the little bridge and discussed the folk-lore tale of a ghost that spooked a horse-rider as she crossed the bridge at dusk, causing the horse to fall and breaking the neck of its rider.

Following good paths, they then reached a section of thick deep mud and water which was rather challenging for about 20 yards, that's when the wellies

truly came in handy!

Making their way
across to Wilton Farm,

they crossed the lane and journeyed on just to the right of Nash Manor, taking a lower path that led them back to Llanblethian.

Here they parted company with the two local ladies and utilised a bench outside the church of St John the Baptist to enjoy their lunch. They eventually arrived back in one piece at Cowbridge.

On November 27, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8mile hard walk to the Roman fort of Y Gaer; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

by JOY STRANGWARD

Cadoxton & Cardiff Road prepare for Christmas

'Community' is key for **Cadoxton businesses**

S Christmas shopping reaches its finale in the next four weeks, The GEM decided to highlight the Cadoxton businesses preparing to deal with the festive rush.

We have focused on a business making a new start in larger premises on



ABOVE: Carol Brown of Roy's Toys says that Toy Story products are flying out of her shop this Christmas. Palmerston Road, VFM Trade Meat Warehouse Ltd: two businesses celebrating 10 years in the area, and Allison's Celebration Cakes which has 'come of age' and is 21 years old.

Why, in these hard times, are these businesses continuing to thrive?

Being community minded and offering that extra special customer service are two reasons, but to find out some of the other answers, please read the rest of our Cadoxton, Cardiff Road Christmas fea-

See over the page for more businesses in Cadoxton and Cardiff Road

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Happy 101st birthday, Ben!



ABOVE:

Children from Ysgol Sant Curig gather round patriotic Ben for a bilingual sing song.

CHILDREN from Ysgol Sant Curig were recently invited to help celebrate the 101st birthday of one of the residents at Orchard House Care Home.

Mr Ben Evans was delighted to hear the children sing a selec- songs!

tion of Welsh songs to him, including a special rendition of 'Happy Birthday'.

Mr Evans is a patriotic Welshspeaker and enjoyed every minute of the visit, even joining in with some of the

BLOOD DONORS

THE Welsh Blood Service is organising the following donor sessions in the area: Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry

December 7, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

Vale of Glamorgan, Highlight Community

Centre, Stirling Road, Barry – 10am-6pm.

LESSONS AND CAROLS
FRIENDS of the medieval foundation and listed

building of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point, on the coast between Penarth and Sully, are hold-

ing a service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 5, at 3pm.

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TRADITIONAL SHOPS WITH A

HREE of goes that extra step – this the Vale – last posting Cadoxton's most popular and effort to support our 20p!

long-established armily chors of the owner, Carol have tows this page? long-established family shops all make a particular contribution to Christmas for local people.

Armed Forces.

The owner, Carol have toys this year?

Without hesitation, Carolenthused: "It has to be anything to do with without shower gel, toothpaste dash have been coming and Christmas and Christmas and Christmas and dash have been coming and christmas and christm

The business has been

people.
Roy's Toys is an Aladdin's cave for mums and dash trying to find that special Christmas present.
The hweiners has been Toming and Aladdin's cave for mums don't feel forgotten this present.
The hweiners has been Coming and saving 'That is all collection for Help for he wants, he'll love it!'. "There are Toy Story figures, large and small, don't feel forgotten this Christmas.

Christmas. Christmas. Roy's Toys is also a

Toy Story' and 'Buckaroo Toy Story' trading for 27 years now, collection point for the and is a typical example of a community shop that of a community shop that range of toys are really popular."

Carol stocks dozens of

items like dolls, cuddly toys, crafts, Christmas wrapping paper, cards, and even helium balloons which children love at parties

parties.

Just round the corner on Barry Road, stands one of the area's most shops,

Allison's hops,

Allison's hard captured people's hard captured people's hard captured people's hard captured people's hard captured people's

shops, Allison's Celebration Cakes. "We've just come of age," announced Allison. "We've reached 21 years!"



Businesses Cadoxton, are constantly for a toast! optimistic and always reinventing themselves, and Allison has a knack spotting the latest trends

"This year the 'in ing a driving test, and thing' is cup cakes, with even a divorce.

"Another product that has captured people's imagination is 'glitter edible stars'. You can put them on cakes or desserts as a decoration, or even cake decorations.

in add them to champagne

Allison's stock in trade is supplying special occasion cakes with original designs for birthdays, anniversaries, pass-

But the shop provides But the shop provides a great deal more – cater-ing products, sugar craft supplies, ribbons, cutters (a very popular range is Patchwork Cutters with dozens of shapes) and edible and non-edible cake decorations

For those keen to

brighten up their own cakes, Allison has rib-bons and hundreds of decorative figures. She also stocks books on cake making.

Just a few yards away,

on the other side of the road, another popular family business in Cadoxton is D Rhys and Son, which offers people all the advice, fittings and help you need in terms of choosing new curtains or net curtains. Ann and Rhys Jones

offer a full measuring service, too. With winter drawing inand Christmas approaching, people start thinking of how to improve the interior of their home.

Orders placed for 'made-to-measure 'ready-made' curtains (if not in stock) should be placed in very early December if people want them fitted in time for

them fitted in time for Christmas.

If you can't make that deadline, the couple still stock ready-made curtains. They also stock a selection of table cloths that would adorn your festive Christmas table.

'10 years on and still going strong...!'



gloom doom-mongers? Well, following in a tight knit while some people always look on the dark side of life, there are others that get on and succeed - like two Cadoxton businesses that continue to thrive 10 years after they

from Cardiff to Barry, it was a big step of faith.

O you ever get He owned 'The tired of the Chippy on the Bridge' in and Ely, but hoped a loyal community like Cadoxton would pay dividends.

Allan worked out well. Over the years the people of Cadoxton and the rest of Barry have really treated me well."

opened. The vast majority of When Allan Payne of Allan's customers are Cadoxton Fish Bar in people who want a take-Vere Street decided to away, although some eat relocate his business inside the fish bar.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 23)



If you get to D Rhys Jones & Son to order your curtains in the next few days, they will arrive in time for Christmas.

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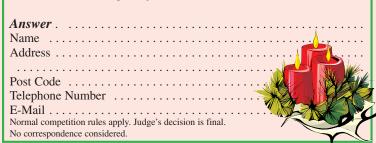


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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21)

When The GEM arrived, he was being praised by one enthusiastic customer who was saying the food was bet ter than in any of the fish and chips shops he knew order over £7.50. and chips shops he knew elsewhere!

get a lot of passing trade, difficult, because people people on their way are looking after the pen-

out Christmas shopping, 10th anniversary. and that's where I can Donna, the

fish and chips, of course, sary.
pies, kebabs, burgers, "We'd like to thank all

10 pieces of southern friend chicken, three portions of chips, a 1.5 litre bottle of coke, and a pot of coleslaw or beans, works out at £13.20.

Allan admits that the Allan said: "We're last couple of years have open all day, from been harder than most: 11.30am to 10pm. We "It's been a little more people on their way are looking after the penhome from Cardiff perhaps, who don't fancy that with his affordable having to cook that prices, and 10 years behind him, the fish bar with the first perhaps will be a fixture for the form and the prices.

trade from people who many years to come.

"At this time of year, a is Ultimate Barbers, lot of customers have which started in 2,000 had a long day, maybe and is celebrating its

and that's where I can Donna, the owner, save them having to told The GEM: "We're delighted to have arrived Allan's menu includes at the 10-year anniver-

veggie burgers and soft our customers over that drinks. period of time, and now
He does lots of meal we're looking forward to
deals: a family pack with the next ten years."

VFM'S NEW CONCEPT ORE IS BIG HIT

HE heartbeat of any economy is the company that doesn't stand still and is making its way up in the world – like VFM Trade Meat Warehouse Ltd.

VFM, owned by Simon Nash, is situated in Palmerston Road. opposite Waitrose Store and fill-ing station, in the former Phillip Saunders unit.

Simon, who lives in Rhoose and knows the area well, moved from another unit nearby because the company wanted to expand a second time.

He explained: "This unit is three times the size of the old

"It provides a number of things we were keen on: more car parking for the customers, an open,

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spacious feel for people browsing the products inside the business and VFM is expecting a busy period in the lead-up to and more visibility from the

Simon's father used to own a Simon's tanter used to own a butcher's shop in Canton, but the idea of VFM was sparked by the changing nature of 'fresh mear retail' with major supermarkets making inroads into the domain of the traditional butcher.

Simon stressed: "We offer something different to supermarkets, cutting the meat freshly every day on the premises –everything is done in-house. We offer best quality and because of bulk buying, we are able to pass savings on to our customers

"People don't just come from Barry, Sully and Dinas Powys, they come from as far afield as Porthcawl, Bridgend, Cardiff, Aberdare and Pontypridd."

All kinds of meat are provided, play areas.

Christmas.

Simon said: "We're open seven days a week, from 7.30am to 5.30pm every day, apart from Sunday, when we open from 9am to 2pm.
"During Christmas week, we'll

be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday."

VFM sells more than meat though, with bargain £1 lines of biscuits, multipacks, crisps and soft drinks. There are also general groceries items available includ-ing tea and coffee.

Simon added: "We've been open at the new unit for four

months now and it's been a big success. We're benefiting from the fact that people are price-conscious and like the spacious dis-



Simon Nash has led the expansion of VFM to new premises in Palmerston.



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Out and About with The

Die-hards will see magic in Harry's final adventure...

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come to an end.
While book-lovers said farewell to the world's most renowned practitioner of magic (aside from Paul Daniels) in 2007, lovers of Potteron-film have two more chances to get their fill with the final installment, Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, being

Part two lands in cinemas on July 15 next year, but the first part is now in cinemas. With nemesis cinemas. W Voldemort Voldemort (Kaipii Fiennes) now having wizard's magical adven-tures will struggle to pen-etrate a story that (Ralph on wreaking etrate a story that
Harry (Daniel requires a little bit off
file, Ron (Rupert knowledge beforehand.
Steve Kloves has writ-Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) must continue the

Since making its bow n celluloid in 2001, franchise first hit there has yet to be a truly cinema screens, and jaw-dropping Harry it is now, sadly, a Potter film. Certainly, case of all good both ...Prisoner of things having to come to an end.

While book-lovers to being the best of the franchise, but in the grand scheme of things they are good, entertain-

ing films but little more. So, as all things Potter begin their journey to the end, is ... The Deathly Hallows (part 1) capable of making the break?
The answer is a res-

olute no, though while hardly the runt of the litter, it is a film that Potterheads will lap up enjoyment and those who are less taken by the boy

ten all but one of the late *Harry Potter* scripts, and the that contain Voldemort's book-to-screen adapta- all the more clearer. book. Take this instalment However, it is a task fervent fanbase the books for example; there are





by GARETH **JAMIESON**

of the books into the see more. scripts, or you would be watching a five-hour

But one thing that has struck throughout the films has been Kloves' rabid attention to detail – wonderful if you've read the books and know the characters and story inside out – but for those less versed, sometimes the stories have been Dumbledore's work to probably deserves a lacking in the broad destroy the horcruxes medal for services to details that make things

made all the harder with enjoy, there is no way plenty of mentions of evil forces following that you will be able to characters and incidents them at every turn and shoehorn every element that have either taken

line) or with cross refer-rals to previous installments that will mean those who have seen the films but not read the books (including myself) will find things difficult

never been short of the ability to keep you gripped, and that is something this film does particularly well.

Come the film's constitutions and Griff is film in the relationship of the role, subduing the mugaging for a deeper performance.

Of the three, it is Emma Watson who shines most here, perhaps

clusion (itself something of a damp squib, mainly due to cutting the story in half) you'll be wanting to

David Yates has proved something of a clever choice for the film's producers, steady-ing the ship while deliv-ering films that have the right degree of spectacle and story, and he does more of the same here.

Despite the early hiccup of a chase sequence which is edited and cut far too quickly, Yates shows a nice ability to mix between the grandstanding and the more sedate, chopping between the needs of the story and the action sequences that afford a degree of spectacle, whether it be the three

Grint may have started life as the comedic foil to Radcliffe's character, but both the character and the actor have developed. with Grint showing he's more than just there for laughs. This film in par-ticular highlights that, to grasp.
However, Kloves has and Grint is fine in the

Emma Watson who shines most here, perhaps because Hermione is put to the forefront far more than before, and the actress delivers an assured and comfortable

turn.
While the remainder of the cast make like a who's-who of UK acting talent, the fast pace of the film means that there are only fleeting glimpses of the likes of Alan Robbie Rickman, Robbie Coltrane, Julie Walters and David Thewlis (to

name but four). making However, their mark are Helena Bonham Carter's Bonham
Bellatrix Lestrange and
Ralph
Fiennes' Voldemort, both doing their bit for scaring children senseless in the darker parts of the film,

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA

ON Friday, November 26, South Wales Police RFC is holding a fundraising dinner at the Heronston Hotel, to raise money for Bridgend's Princess of Wales Hospital, Campus Y Bwthyn Newydd, Macmillan Wales Newvdd. specialist palliative care unit, in memory of their close friend and True Rugby's Gentleman.' Colin Hillman.

Cwm Talwg fair ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, is holding a Christmas fair on Friday, November 26, at 3.30pm, with stalls, gifts, games, refreshments games, refreshments and a Father Christmas grotto.

Porthcawl fayre
ALL Saints' Church,
Victoria
Avenue,
Porthcawl, will be holdPorthcawl, will be holdsale is being held at a

Powers of the reason of the Porthcawl fayre

Free concerts

ON November 27-28 free concerts are being held by Music in the Vale at Ysgol Bro

Fundraising competition perform Community Hall, dinner before invited adjudi- Barry, on Saturday, cators who will award November 27, between prizes to the winners and runners-up.

On Saturday, the singers will perform and on Sunday the instru-mentalists. On both evenings, there will also be an ensemble class. Full details can be

found on the website: www.musicinthevale.org.

CAOS stages Confusions

CONFUSIONS by Alan Ayckbourn will be per-formed by Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society on November 27, at the Market Theatre (situated Theatre (situated behind the cattle mar-ket next to the Scout hall). Tickets are £6, and can be purchased from Davies, newsagents.

Porthcawl, will be hold-ing their pre-Christmas sale is being held at a fayre on Saturday, coffee morning at November 27, at Bethel House, Hebron Lunches and light refreshments will be served from 12noon.

Councillors'

lors, Katherine Kemp cal evening, Morgannwg, Colcot and Marguerita Wright acrylics, ink and Road, Barry, when will be holding a surmaterials. Non-rfinalists in the annual gery at Buttrills bers are welcome.

10am-12noon.

No appointments are necessary.

Free fayre

A CHRISTMAS fayre will be held at Colwinston Village Hall, on Monday, November 29, from 7pm.

Complimentary glass of mulled wine and mince pies. Gift stalls. Free admission.

Group's fayre

THE Llantwit Major art and craft group will be holding their Christmas fayre this Saturday, November 27, at the Llantonian Hall. Admission free.

School shows

B A R R Y Comprehensive School В

£3.50. Telephone 01446 411411 for tickets.

Art practical ON December 2.

7pm, in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge Art Society will receive another visit from surgery another visit from VALE of Glamorgan Shirley Ann Owen, who Dyfan ward council- will be leading a practiacrylics, ink and other materials. Non-mem-



Don't be shy

tell us

What's On

and Where'

Macmillan Christmas walk in Cardiff parks

T'S not too late to join Macmillan Cancer Support and Derek Brockway, the BBC Wales weatherman, to help local people living with cancer.

Derek and his team of elves will be lining up on Sunday, December 12, at 10am for Macmillan's brand new sponsored 'Christmas Elf Walk', a 3.5 mile circular family-friendly walk along the River Taff in Cardiff, taking in the sights and sounds of Sophia Gardens, Blackweir and Pontcanna Fields.

Everyone who takes part will be given a festive Christmas Elf Hat to wear to help keep them warm, and a special guest dressed in red will be dropping in to give out goody bags along the way!

Derek Brockway



ABOVE: Derek Brockway joins the macmillan Christmas Elf Walk

Yes please, I would like to register for the Macmillan Cancer Support Cardiff Christmas Elf Walk to be held on Sunday 12 December.

Title: Miss Mrs Mr Other First name. Surname. Company/group name: ... Address: County.. Phone Fmail ADDITIONAL WALKERS Name 1. ..Age (if under 16)... Address

Name 2 Address

Name 3.. .Age (if under 16).. Address Name 4. .Age (if under 16).

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I enclose a cheque for £payable to Macmillan Cancer Support Please debit my credit/debit card to the amount of

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Billing address.. Postcode Signature

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Please return form to Becci Parke, Macmillan Cancer Support, 1st Floor, I Oldfield Road, Bocam Park, Pencoed, CF35 5LJ Tel: 01656 867968 E-Mail: rparke@macmillan.org.uk

> WE ARE CANCER SUPPORT

JACKSON BOOK AIDS PROJECT

TWO local companies have involved in a charitable venture which this week results in book 'My Sporting Icons bу Colin Jackson'.

said: "As you all know, I love walking and I urge lots of families to

event for a very worth-

You can register

online at www.macmil-lan.org.uk/christma-

selfwalk or telephone

There is a registration

fee of £10 (free for chil-

dren 16 and under), on

receipt of which you will be sent a full

fundraising pack and your special elf hats.

Sue Pickin, fundrais-

ing manager for Macmillan said: "Every

day, 822 people in the United Kingdom are

to reach and improve the lives of every one of

but something you can help us to do. So walk

with us on our Christmas Elf Walk and

get sponsored for your

efforts. Every penny you raise will fund more of our vital services.

"Fancy dress is encouraged and there

and dogs!! You will

will be prizes for best dressed adults, children

have the opportunity of

sampling chocolates and wines in our marquee, and the chance to win

one of five super choco

late hampers by entering

"If you are feeling

drink, the Summerhous

Cafe at the start of our

walk are offering teas and coffees at the dis-

counted price of 50p a

cup and they are also

providing free dog bis-

cuits for four-legged

our raffle on the day.

thirsty and need a hot

told they have cancer. Macmillan's ambition is

join me on this fun

while charity.

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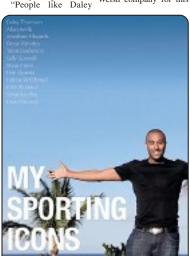
Shoes Red Productions and Keith Brown & Sons have produced the new release, in which Colin interviewed

his 12 sporting icons. "People like Daley

been Thompson, Jonathan Edwards, Sally Gunnell and Allan Wells inspired me so much that talking to them about their life this week results in stories was a fascinating the launch of a new experience", Colin said. Colin is a well-known

face in Cowbridge, as his production company, Red Shoes, is based on the High Street. co-director His

Richard explained: "It was really important for us to use a Welsh company for this



ABOVE: Colin Jackson has interviewed his own sporting heroes for his new book.

Dickens comes to Dinas Powvs

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys is inviting the Vale to its ever-popular Dickensian

On the night of December 3, starting at 6pm in the Village Square, visitors will go back in time, with entertainment from the pages of A Christmas Carol and David Copperfield, and all the sights and sounds of Dickensian London!

Parade this

Sunday, November

28, heralds the start

of Christmas shop-

ping in Cowbridge.

Alun John, the chair-

man of the Chamber of

"It is a great opportunity for people to enjoy Santa, the reindeer and

Christmas presents and

then see the switch on of the lights."

Trade, told The GEM:

the parade huv

Royalties from sale of the book will go towards The Moses Project Charity, which Sons, and from good supports educational book shops such links between Ysgol Iolo Cowbridge Bookshop.

Readers can buy a copy from Keith Brown &

be in position before 12 noon when the Reindeer

in your area -All set for the

Email gemeditorial @tindlenews.co.uk!

Y BONT FAEN **School Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 4th December from 10am-12noon.

Santa, Christmas trees on sale plus lots more.

50p per family Santa £2.50

Parade is due to start. It concludes by 1.15pm. People can then shop or enjoy the entertainment provided on the stage outside the town hall in preparation for

light switch on. Rhodri and Lucy Owen - along with Santa of course - will do the honours at

the climax of the day, the official Christmas

People are advised to Stage C.A.M.P Saturday Mornings 10am-1pm

@ The New Performance Facilities **Cowbridge Comprehensive School** Stage C.A.M.P (Central Academy of Music and Performance) will be starting a new course for 4-16 year olds at Cowbridge Comprehensive

reindeer parade

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'WATERFRONT PLANS

NEED CHECKING

'Assembly playing politics of fear'

HE Business Minister, in her GEM column last week. made the bold (if disingenuous) claim that the

Labour/Plaid coalition was 'standing up' for Wales in the laying of their budget?

In fact, what the draft budget confirmed is that the government in Wales is hopelessly out of touch with both the needs and aspirations of the Welsh people.

Over the next three

years, more than £880 million will be taken out of the health budget, putting frontline services

The people of the Vale of Glamorgan, whom she represents as an Assembly Member. will be particularly concerned; particularly in an area where the maternity-led unit at Llandough

risk of closure.

The Minister claims that there are now more members of staff working in the Welsh NHS there are, but it is the number of managers that is rising, while nursing staff are in decline

She also claims that waiting times are down; but only if you cherry pick the statistics! For example, the number of patients waiting more than 14 weeks for their first in-patient appointment has risen by over 5000 per cent since March 2009.

I welcome political debate, but only when conducted in a mature fashion, with accurate statistics. Unfortunately, this government is playing the politics of fear over health and that is simply unforgivable.

Andrew RT Davies (Conservative AM for south Wales Central and Shadow Minister for health and social

Dogs' mess at Highlight Park: 'fine the owners'

THE Highlight any dog owner NOT car-Park dog lovers' society are at it again now that the mornings and evenings are getting darker, they allow their dogs to defecate on the pavements, especially on the Lakin Drive circuit.

One dog even managed to leave a 'parcel' in the bus shelter oppo-

site Sandringham Close. Something needs to be done to catch these 'caring' dog owners.
One idea could be that

rying dog poo bags should face an immedi-

There would be no

excuse for not carrying

ers know exactly what

their dog is liable to do

whilst walking.For heav-en's sake, take on your

responsibilities!

such a bag, all dog own-

recent article about the Reindeer parade in Cowbridge as it reminded me how much our family has enjoyed this event in the past.

ence to

The

GEM's recent arti-

Waterfront devel-

opment at Barry, I

note that one of the

first things the con-

sortium did was to

prevent access to

the footpath popu-

larly known as the

'Ash' that crosses

Millenium to Barry

Island, used regu-

larly by many peo-

ENJOYED the

And a nativity, too!

from Ffordd y

cle on the

However, I was a little surprised that you made no mention of the children's nativity parade. For us this is an integral part of the fun; it's a joy to see the children in their costumes and acts as a genuine reminder of why we are

ple - and on the afternoon of November 5, too!

I doubt that the "local community" quoted by Mr Keogh would be 'very much behind us' when they were unable to get to the firework display by that route, or use it since.

Fencing off the West End area on health and safety grounds (presumably because it backs on to the railway line, is flanked by the sewage works, and faces the council car park) raises the interesting question – what part of the develop-

celebrating Christmas.

There is some confu-sion amongst local par-

ents as some people think the nativity parade

is not going ahead this

dren can meet up as usual about 11.30am in

their nativity outfits at the United Free Church

(opposite the police sta-

Now let's keep our

fingers crossed there's

tion) and follow Santa

and his reindeers

no rain or snow!

Eluned Moran,

Cowbridge

through Cowbridge.

I understand that chil-

ment is going to be situated there?

The school, the community facilities, the park, the restaurants, surely not some of the "2,000" homes – who would want to live

Shops, bars, restaurants, offices, parks, public spaces (note all in plural) – I don't believe there's room on the site

are in skyscraper flats!

All of this is only an "outline plan" and the Vale Council planning committee should subiect the consortium to a rigorous examination of the details before giving permission to go ahead vith the development. Ronald Peck. Barry

'Remember, it's not just a cat'

OME people say "Its just a cat!" but sadly for many families, like mine, 'that cat' was a part of the family.

We woke Monday morning to the sad news from my parents that Mac, our 1-year-old gin-ger cat was dead. It broke my heart that he would no longer purr like a very loud drill or tap the door to be let in.

The hard task to tell my two children, aged nine and eight, that Mac was gone, then tears began to flow.
There are lots of peo-

ple in the town of Llantwit Major that this story will ring true for, and will bring back that of the family.

that some people are for our furry friends to not true.

more families' hearts.

We only have the few memories that we made told of their loss

Please think, 'Its NOT just a cat!' they are our family members. Nicki Llovd. Llantwit Major

sad day when they like us lost a healthy member

There are whispers putting down antifreeze drink, but I hope this is

If by chance they are true, to the people concerned I say - stop now before you break some

Sadly Mac has gone. as a family left. The pain will be with me forever, seeing the sadness in my children's faces when

'Thank you on my 90th birthday...

HANK you to all my friends and relations, to Father Pat O'Gorman for the lovely Holy Mass on my birthday, November 6, and for coming to the party that followed for my 90th birthday.

Thanks too for the flowers from St Helen's Infant and Junior Schools.

Special thanks also to Monica, my daughter, and John, my son-in-law, my grandchildren and Sister

Thank you, everyone, for all your cards, Mrs Joan Gatheridge. Barry.

Boys' Village and **Big Pit museum**

ence to vour article on the memorial at the Boys' Village, the inscription on the memorial reads:

"Dedicated to the memory of the youth of all nations who fell that war might end by the boys of the South Wales coal field who at this altar dedicate themselves to complete the task so nobly begun. 1914 –1918, 1939–1945."

As such it has rather more relevance to the mining industry than to St Athan in my view.

Through the good offices of the National Museum of Wales, I

regarding selfish

night.

after.

people on firework

I quite agree that all fireworks are dangerous and also should be limit-

ed to specific organisa-

tions to run properly-

managed displays.
There are fireworks

being ignited in the run up to November 5 and

then for at least a week

November 13, I was out

with my dogs; it was only just dark and some-

one started setting off

dogs was a pitiful sight. Her tail was tucked

you would not think she had any, and she started

between her legs, her ears were so far back

pulling, trying to run away to hide.

On Saturday

7ITH refer- ascertained in May 2009 that Big Pit Museum had expressed interest in accepting it for re-erection and display there, if the necessary funding were put in place.

The Conservation Officer of the Vale Council was also made aware of this and raised the complicated issue of ownership at that time. The issue remains it seems.

I would urge Mr Alun Cairns to use his influence to pursue the matter with the three agencies mentioned, to secure a future for a memorial to the sacrifices, in war and peace, of those of the mining communities and indeed to the sentiments expressed thereon. Mick Lobb. Llantwit Major

Anonymous gift to Merchant Seamen

an anonymous Letter from a 92-

Have they not heard about the dangers of year-old lady: "Please accept the Toxocara, borne in dog enclosed donation faeces, harmful in particular to young children for those very brave and easily carried on Merchant Seamen shoes or pushchairs? without whom life as (Name and address we know it now supplied). would never have

THAVE received been. I come from a long line of men of the sea".

The donation was a substantial amount, for which we are most grateful and will go towards our ongoing projects to remember our fallen, also on exhibitions promoting the service and sacrifices made.

will help us to meet our current projects target figure. Her kindness will assist in raising

awareness and help

Remember Them.
The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch need to raise further funds to

Our grateful thanks to enable many planned the anonymous donor for and ongoing projects.

We need the public's kind donation that

help with events that will both raise awareness and be of benefit to Remembrance in Barry and the Vale.

Any donation would be appreciated and will help us achieve our goals for the immediate and future. All who support will be publicly acknowledged at our

Jim Greenway Chairman ,The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch

NEWS IN BRIEF Romilly fayre FRIENDS of th Primary Romilly Primary School will hold a Christmas fayre on Saturday, December 4, at 2.30pm-5.30pm.
Attractions include:

Santa's grotto, slide, face-painting, raffle, crafts and hood a duck. Donations needed for White Elephant, Secret

Santa and cake stall. School

celebrates ON Sunday, December 5, at 2.30pm, a special concert will be held in the Memorial Hall, Barry, to celebrate the Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morannwg's tenth anniversary, with friends, parents and former pupils. Tickets are available on 01446 450280; adults £6, children and OAP £3.

She was panting and shaking badly and we had to go straight home, REFER to a letter from G Darling in rather than finish the Barry in The GEM walk. on November 11,

Organised firework

displays only

The ongoing problem is that every night I get home from work to take her out, and as darkness falls, she remembers what happened on that Saturday night and dis-plays exactly the same symptoms.

wish one of the animal organisations would start a petition to have these explosives banned completely, but failing that, a compromise would be to have organised displays only.

I think it's wrong that supermarkets are able to sell fireworks Only those approved should fireworks and one of my be allowed to purchase such items.

I thought we were supposed to be a nation of animal lovers and dogs were our best friends? Clearly not. Maria Pollard.

Watch for doggie bag culprit

O the person who favours the top end of Fairfield Rise (Llanmaes Road end) to dispose of their blue doggie bag, please note we are between 60-90 years old and beyond the age of cleaning up after dogs. We will be watching for the dog owner responsible. (Name and address supplied)

Another Great Glamorgan GEM Competition





Holiday on Ice, Energia is coming to Cardiff International Arena from 8 – 13 February 2011 and promises to be more extravagant, more exhilarating and

more spectacular than anything ever before staged on ice!

Over 400,000 people have visited Holiday on Ice in Cardiff, and the 2011 Energia is better than ever. With its revolutionary three-dimensional setting, you will be whisked into the universe where planets spin around you in glorious colours and spectrums of light. On the ice, the skating elite perform breathtaking feats that will have you on the edge of your seat!

Over 40 world class skaters will take you through the story of

Over 40 world class skaters will take you through the story of mankind on Earth, visiting the romantic Venus, and Neptune's fishy underworld! Watch the passion of the Sun and Moon Tango, and finally a Bollywood-style celebration of Divisit the appual fectival of Licht!

tion of Diwali, the annual festival of Light! Colour, excitement and fun with scintillating choreography, magnificent costumes representing the planets and constellations, and all the living creatures of the Earth, with music composed especially for ENERGIA and not forgetting, Ein and Stein the adorable clowns with their off-the-planet humour.

Watch in amazement as skaters attempt the perilous Death Spiral and hold your breath while they attempt back flips, triple axles and throw jumps! And if you thought you'd seen everything, think again – a stilt walker will skate while juggling with fire and clowns jump through blazing hoops!

A show that will thrill and enthral family and friends from the minute you sit in your seats to the mind-blowing finale!

Holiday on Ice are offering a special family ticket where a family of four can see the show for just £58*. **Tickets on sale now!**

To win one of five family tickets for four, just answer this question: What is the name of the new Holiday on Ice Show?

Email your answer to: gemsales@internet-today.co.uk
or send answers on a postcard to The GEM at Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL no later than December 10th, 2010
Competition Rules: Normal terms and conditions apply. The judges decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into. GOOD LUCK!

'Applicance check is required every year' How vulnerable people

can remain GAS SAF säfe

HERE is special assistance available to help vulnerable groups such as the blind and elderly to keep Gas Safe

The Gas Safe register replaced the CORGI gas register, and the engineer coming to your home to fit or service your appliances must be on the regis

It is wise to make sure you know who you are letting into your home before they carry out any work on your gas appliances.
You can check the identity of a Gas Safe regis-

tered engineer before they arrive at your home and when they are on your doorstep.

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restricted vision to check an engineer's identity.

If you are blind, Gas Safe suggests the following:

• Call 0800 408 5500 to check if a business is

registered.
• Agree with the Gas Safe registered business a password for their engineer to quote when they

arrive on your doorstep.
• For further reassurance, when the engineer arrives, you can ask for their ID number or call 0800 408 5500 to check their details. You will be told about their business and qualifications to make sure they are qualified to do the job you've asked them to do.

 You could also arrange to have a trusted friend or family member present when the engineer calls. C BACON PLUMBING

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are living with others where at least one is under five years old.

• have not had a gas safety check carried out at the premises in the last 12 months.

do not occupy premises where a landlord is responsible for arranging a check under regulations made under the Health and Safety at Work Act

Decisions around eligibility for free gas safety checks sit outside the remit of the Gas Safe register and this advice is for general guidance only. Please contact your energy supplier for more information.

CARBON MONOXIDE

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The more frail a person is, the more quickly their body can be overcome by carbon monoxide

Ask a friend, relative, care visitor, or warden to help you by installing an audible alarm in your home. Your Gas Safe registered engineer can help you do this too.

Carbon monoxide alarms can be purchased from DIY stores and supermarkets for around £20. If you find it difficult to get to the shops, you can also buy them online.

For people with hearing difficulties, there are a number of specialist carbon monoxide alarms on the market. For advice on which alarm is right for your needs, contact the Council of Gas Detection and Environmental Monitoring (CoGDEM) on 0800 1694 457

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Elderly urged to stay well and warm in winter

LDER people in particular and those with long-term health problems need to prepare for winter in order to keep well, warm and safe, Wales top doctor has stressed.

The 2009 annual report by the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Tony Jewell, revealed that winter deaths increased significantly in 2008/09, raising concerns about the effect the cold spell last winter had on excess deaths and weather-related

winter nation excess seems. In injuries.

Dr Jewell is calling for people to ensure that their homes are "as energy efficient as possible" so they can be adequately heated during the winter months, as well as urging those in the seasonal flu at-risk groups to get vaccinated.

Dr Jewell stated: "Because the weather in the UK is not predictable, we are not always prepared for

is not predictable, we are not always prepared for the severe bad weather that we can, and have in recent years, experienced.

"Older people are more susceptible to illnesses when the temperatures start to drop. More than 87 per cent of winter deaths involve people over 75, with the highest rates of death amongst people aged 85 or over

"But there are steps that can be taken to stay well. I urge people over the age of 65 and those in the seasonal flu at-risk groups, such as those with diabetes or cardiovascular conditions, to protect



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and schemes available to them to keep their homes warm during the winter. The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (HEES) can help householders over the ge of 60 or those with children under the age of the ge of 00 of nose with children under the age of 16 improve the energy efficiency of their properties, reducing their fuel bills and the risk of fuel poverty. "There is also the Energy Saving Trust and Care and Repair Cymru – who will give free advice and support in making your home energy efficient. "It is best for people to avoid going from an extremely warm room into the cold, as this can have an impact on people who have respiratory or heart

themselves against the flu by being vaccinated.
"People should also make the most of the grants

an impact on people who have respiratory or heart disease," Dr Jewell warned.

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Call for action on young drivers who

THIRD of young people (32 per cent) have driven or been a passenger in a road race - according to a survey of nearly 4,500 young people across the UK.

The survey was released by road safety charity Brake as part of National Road Safety Week.

The charity pointed to statistics showing the extent of deaths and injuries of young people in road crashes – the biggest killer of 15–24 year-

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

A conference in Westminster was addressed by Bob Ashford, head of prevention at the Youth Justice Board, who spoke about the levels of risk-taking among young drivers and the need to edu-cate them about the impact of their actions.

He was joined by Brake's head of campaigns Cathy Keeler; paralympic gold medallist Danny Crates (seriously injured in a road crash); bereaved parents; and a young man who suffered serious injuries as a self-confessed boy racer which now affect his speech and mobility

ed driver licensing, placing restrictions on novice drivers, enabling them to develop driving skills gradually.

Government statistics uncovered by Brake reveal that one young driver or passenger is killed or seriously injured every hour on UK roads. In 2005 in the UK, 846 drivers, passengers and

motorcyclists aged 15–25 were killed, 7,362 were seriously injured and 62,146 were slightly injured.

seriously injured and 62,146 were slightly injured. Other results from Brake's survey of 4,486 young people aged 15–25 in the UK include: a third (30 percent) have driven without a licence; one in 14 (7 per cent) has driven a stolen vehicle; one in five (18 per cent) has been a passenger with a driver who they knew was unlicensed, uninsured or who had stolen the car; two in five (38 per cent) day't always below at heady age ago. cent) don't always belt up in the back; and one in three young people (30 per cent) has been a pas-

senger in a car driven by a driver on drink or

Brake has called on the Government to take action to tackle road death and injury involving young people. Brake is calling for a system of graduated driver licensing (GDL) so there is a minimum period of learning to drive, followed by a provisional licence period where newly-qualified drivers have restrictions placed upon them, such as night-time driving curfews and limits on numbers of passenger.

Brake argues for compulsory road safety educa-tion in schools for all ages, so that young people develop an understanding of the risks of the road by the time they leave school and learn to drive. It also says there should be year-round prime

time TV advertising aimed at young people of key safe driving topics such as speeding, drink and drug driving and seat belt use, and more invest-ment in dedicated traffic police and enforcement technology, such as automatic number plate recognition cameras, designed to catch unlicensed and uninsured drivers

There is growing pressure for Government action to tackle road death and injury involving young people. On September 20, 2006, the Association of British Insurers issued a report calling for measures including a minimum learning period and reducing night-time driving among

novice drivers.

The report was supported by Brake, the RAC Foundation, the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, RoadSafe and the Make Roads Safe Campaign.

Despite running a consultation on ways to improve the learning to drive process in 2002 and flagging up young driver and passenger deaths as a key concern in 2004 – the Government is yet to take convincing action to tackle the problem, it

Cathy Keeler, head of campaigns at Brake, said: "It is a national tragedy that so many young drivers are killing and seriously injuring themselves and others on our roads – and an outrage that more is not being done to address this carnage.

"Yet road deaths and injuries are preventable – through young drivers taking more responsibility for their actions, and combined effort by parents, communities and our government to help young drivers stay safe.

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"The Government has so far failed to take decisive action to tackle young driver crashes. As well as compulsory road safety education in schools, we urgently need 'graduated driver licensing' – a system supported by road safety experts and shown to reduce casualties when introduced in other coun-

"Every day the Government fails to act, more young people die and suffer life-changing injuries in needless tragedies," she added.

Bob Ashford, head of prevention at the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, said: "Risktaking among young people can be an important part of their development but, in working with young people, it is important that they understand the impact of their behaviour on themselves, as well as others in the community.

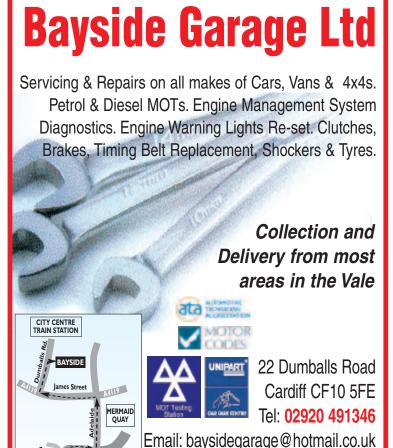
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Lions Club members Dave Richards Club.

Ralph Anslow the president of Porthcawl Lions Alson Nover

The raffle continues grand draw will take

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Memorial Hall, Brynoch, Bryncethin, Bridgend -December 3, 10am-6pm.

Mobile Donation Clinic Bridgend Recreation Centre car park – December 17, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm. Mobile Donation Clinic, Recreation Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend – December 23, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment as these donors will take priority. Telephone 01442 622193; email donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk

Cosson, activity

Also on Saturday November 27, the Lions open their Christmas grotto at 10am at the YMCA, John Street where Father Christmas welcomes all children. Entrance fee is £2-50 and all children receive a quality present.

grotto is open Saturday from The every 10am-4pm until Saturday, December 18 Entrants for the 38-furlong Boxing day fun run, starting at the Hi Tide at 11am, can get an entrance form via the web page, porthcawl-lions.co.uk or telephone Rhys on 01656772369

THIEVES WRECK CANCER CENTRE RAFFLE

THE staff at Velindre Hospital have been left "dev astated" after some one stole the Christmas raffle

money and tickets. The raffle has now

had to be cancelled, It was organised by the Friends of Velindre, and because contact information was contained in the stolen raffle book, the hospital has advised purchasers to be extra vigilant if they receive any unexpected

or unfamiliar callers. Lisa Miller, the gener al manager at Velindre Cancer Centre, said: "I am absolutely devastated that something like this could happen when money has been donated to support the care of cancer patients and their

The theft has been reported to the police.

PORTHCAWL **TOWN COUNCIL** News in brief

CONCERN was expressed by Coun Jill Sweet that councillors attending outside bodies on behalf of the council were not reporting back.

Members discussed the need for feedback, particularly from the Porthcawl Regeneration Forum and the Grand Pavilion Advisory Committee. It was agreed that councillors must report back after they attend meetings. PORTHCAWL Town Council has decided against taking over the management of Trafalgar Wood at South Road, Porthcawl.

The wood is owned by Coed Cadw Woodland Trust which said that the wood is a one-acre woodland con sisting of broad leaved

But the town council decided that it was not possible at this time to take this over especially as the town handyman has a full workload.

THE Porthcawl Council is to consider contributing towards the cost of providing signs if a Designated Public Places Order is declared in Porthcawl

Town Centre.
The order is being backed by police and would give police powers to control drinking on the streets. BCBC is looking into this at the moment.

COUN SEAN ASPEY has been thanked by Porthcawl Town Council for his work in organising a protest at Rest Bay against plans to cut the hours of the air sea rescue helicopter at RAF Chivenor.

Coun Aspey said that there was a representa-tive from every borough in south Wales at the protest. A total of 163

borough councils in Wales and the West Country are backing the campaign to keep Chivenor a 24 hour sta-

PORTHCAWL Town Council is refusing to contribute to work to upgrade the shelter opposite the Seabank Hotel under the Tidy Towns Initiative.

It was asked by BCBC to put up £1,000 but the town council only agreed if the ownership of the shelter could be established.

The borough council replied that they thought it was owned by the town council but some town councillors believe that it was owned by the former Porthcawl UDC and then passed to Ogwi and later BCBC. They refuse to contribute until the owner is known.

NEW fire curtains have been installed at the Grand Pavilion, following the recent fire.

PORTHCAWL Council has protested at plans by First Cymru to axe the town's direct bus to Swansea from this

Council reduces its donation to **Grand Pavilion**

Town Council is to give The Grand Pavilion a donation of £6,000 this year.

Last year, the council gave £8,500 to buy new furniture and equipment for the Stage Door function room.

Mark Phillips, general manager, gave the town council some options for this year. He said that

NEWS IN **BRIEF** CAOS coffee

THE Cowbridge
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Society (CAOS), is
holding its popular
Christmas coffee Christmas coffee morning with all the morning with all the usual fun – tombola, raffle, stalls, gifts and prizes, plus Christmas carols; or just 'take a break' and rest your feet from Christmas shopping with a hot drink, biscuits or suc-

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their preferred scheme was to replace the flying bars on stage which are the curtain tracks that scenery, curtains and backdrops are hung

He pointed out that some of the tracks were up to 40 years old and the youngest were 10.
All 17 tracks were

different, which makes swapping things around difficult.

He said that they want to install new light-weight aluminium fly bars and curtain tracks which would future which would future proof the stage for 10-15 years. The total cost of the project is £12,105.

A second option was to pay for the renewal of carpets in the foyer as it is intended to re-open the central entrance. The of the carpet is £10.460.

The third option was replacement of the existing decorative lighting inside the dome. This will entail rewiring of the dome. This work in total is expected to cost £15,000 to £18,000.

When the matter was discussed, council Conservative group leader David Deere proposed that the council give £6,000 this year.

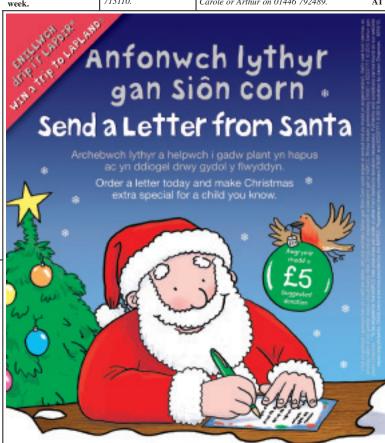
Coun Sean Aspey moved that the council stick to their donation of £8,500 which was given last year but on a vote, he was defeated and the £6,000 was agreed.

ON Tuesday, December 7, WA Brown funeral directors in Llantwit Major, are holding a Christmas memorial carol service at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit at 7pm.

All are invited, irrespective of religion or choice of funeral director, to join in remembering those we no longer see but hold close to our hearts.

Following the service, refreshments are available. and any donations received will be shared between the St John Ambulance and the St Illtud's church, Galilee Chapel restoration fund.

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Two wins for Bridgend Athletic under-10s against Taibach

THIS week, Bridgend Athletic under-10s game. The try was converted but it was too little too welcomed Taibach to Newbridge fields for two games.

Game one saw Taibach kick off and the Ath immediately applied pressure and some great hands saw the ball make its way to Dan O'Sullivan who went over for the first score. The conversion was missed.

It wasn't long before the Ath scored their second try of the game. Once again it was Dan O'Sullivan Obbard to force his way over the line. who went over after some good ripping by the Ath
O'Sullivan converted to make it 7-0 to the Ath. forwards. Dan stepped up to kick the conversion to

Dan was on hand to complete a hat-trick of tries

after some good running, and converted well.

The Ath weren't finished there. Good hands led to Megan Webb breaking free to score in the corner. Jack Obbard converted to take the score to 26-0 at half time.

The second half started much the same as the first. Ath pressure lead to Thomas Anthony breaking free

Taibach showed good fighting spirit and were

rewarded for their efforts with a well-taken try. Daffydd.

The Ath came under more pressure and Taibach showed good hands to score their second try of the

late as the Ath held on to win.
Final score: Bridgend Athletic 31, Taibach 12.

GAME TWO THE second good attacking play cancelled out by equally good defending from both teams. Neither was able to break the deadlock before half time.

The second half saw the Ath step up a gear. Good early pressure from the forwards allowed Jack Obbard to force his way over the line. Dan

Good hands and powerful forward play saw Thomas Anthony scramble over to score O'Sullivan slotted over the kick to make it 14-0.

More Ath pressure lead to Thomas Reed stealing the ball well and diving over the line to score. Kasari Mehta converted.

Final score: Bridgend Ath 21, Taibach 0.

Ath squad: Jack Obbard, Gwilym John, Teo Fillis Anthony, Thomas Reed, Jamie Marshall, Dan O'Sullivan, Megan Webb, Brandyn Fooks James Hermoille, Sam Veasey, William Goodall Daffydd Beech, FFion Revill, Lance Burn, Kasar

HIGH STREET TRADERS' CHRISTMAS SWITCH (

THIS year's High Street Christmas lights switch on drew huge crowds to Barry's West End, and local photographer Paul Jones was on hand to capture the significant moments.







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SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

1/ The right turn from Colcot Road into Whitewell Road 2/ The right turn from Colcot Road into Winston Road 3/ The right turn from Highfield Road into Colcot Road. Location

The diversion for the three above closures will be in a Diversion northwesterly direction along Colcot Road to the roun about at the junction of Port Road, "U Turning" at this roundabout then back along Colcot Road.

4/ The right turn from Colcot Road into Highfield Road 5/ The right turn from Winston Road into Colcot Road 6/ The right turn from Whitewell Road into Colcot Road Location

Diversion The diversion for the three above closures will be in a generally southerly direction along Barry Road to the roundabout at the junction of Barry Road, "U Turning" at this roundabout then back along Colcot Road.

For traffic safety during the construction of the new Pedestrian/Cycle Crossing Reason

From Monday 6th December 2010 until 30th April 2011 although restrictions may not be in operation for the entire duration. Duration

Dated this 25th day of November 2010.

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OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE...

Biodiversity in Bridgend receives a £500,000 boost

improve biodiversity over a large area of common land on the outskirts of Bridgend has received almost £500,000 in landfill tax funding.

The project, called 'Biodiversity in Common' is a land-scape scale restoration project, which will restore wildlife habitats on the rugged Cefn Hirgoed and picturesque Mynydd-y-gaer commons north of the Sarn Services.

An area of 1,065 hectares, which includes locally, nationwhich ally, and internationally-important habitats and species will be restored, including lowland heath, purple moor grass and rush pasture. lowland dry acid grassland, woodland and rivers. Wallia Coity

Commoners Association and Pori Threftadaeth (PONT), a not-for-profit organisation whose main aim is to encourage and facilitate appropriate and sustainable and will involve the

tural heritage of Wales,

led the application.
PONT will be managing the project and has been successful in gaining funding from Biffaward who distrib-ute landfill tax credits on behalf of Biffa Waste Services.

Biffaward scheme supports projects of regional or national importance that will make significant steps towards improving biodiversity or cultural facilities to which it awards grants up to £500,000.

Other funding for the project has been provided by the commoners' association, Rockwool Ltd, whose manufacturing facility is situated in the area, Bridgend County Borough and Coity Board of Council Wallia who Conservators, manage the common. Other partners in the project include the the Countryside Council for Wales, the Dunraven Estate and the Butterfly Conservation Society.

The three-year project will begin next April

officer who will work with the commoners and volunteers from the community.

The control and reduction of undesirable species, together with targeted grazing and shepherding, will help to restore habitats for the high brown frit-illary butterfly, the marsh fritillary butter-fly, the shrill carder bee, otters, skylarks and the bog bush cricket.

The chairman of the commoners' association, Eifion Jones, said: "For many years the common has been in steady decline due, in part, to under-grazing in some parts and overgrazing in others.

"We were in danger of losing many species and the commoners hope this project will open up large areas, allowing stock to graze evenly more improving the diverse range of habitats.

'As the common is an open access for all to enjoy, we hope members of the public will help us in our work."

Charles Morgan of PONT said: "We have been given a great

and will continue in the future to be, managed by the practice of commoners grazing sheep, cattle and ponies, and PONT is delighted to be working with the custodians of the common to help them deliver this project that will benefit the common and its wildlife."

Biffaward assistant programme manager, Cath Hare, added: "Biffaward is keen to support projects which restore and protect our countryside while encouraging us to learn more about our natural environment.

"The project does both and the work carried out will mean that the habitat is protected and conserved for years

6.30pm.

back to winning ways! PORTHCAWL 19 BRITON FERRY 12

PORTHCAWL got Owen who secured the back to winning ways on Saturday, taking the scalp of the team one place above them in the

division.

Having been beaten in their last two league out-ings, the Seaweeds showed that the autumn break has obviously done them some good, as their pack set about the vaunted visitors eight with relish.

Skipper Matt Davies opened the scoring for Porthcawl as his side played themselves into the Ferry 22 with some superb approach play, diving over wide out for a great try, superbly converted by Nathan Townley.

The Ferry are nothing if not a useful outfit however, and when they scored two tries, one converted for a 12-7 lead, it became apparent that they were out to secure the win.

Porthcawl got back in front crucially before the break, despite continuing the habit of squandering chances and it was full-back Matthew

try, again brilliantly converted by Townley for a slight advantage at half-

Porthcawl Firsts get

time.

Despite the absence of Dai Saines at tight head, Jamie Fry more than adequately deputised and the home pack was strong throughout the match.

At times, some of Porthcawl's handling skills were outstanding, with many forays into opposition territory lay-ing the foundation for their performance. When talisman Blair

Driscoll finished off a brilliant move down the left wing to cross for a try following the movement of the ball through close on a dozen pairs of hands, it was no more than the home side deserved.

Although this was the only score of the second half, it proved crucial in ensuring the points, to leave the Ferry all at sea.

The disappointing feature of the match as coach Kerry Townley pointed out, was the failure of his charges to post a possible 35 points or so, such were the oppor-

tunities.
That said, he also acknowledged what truly was an excellent win and a definite morale booster, getting the show back on the road. Following the return to the autumn series next week, Porthcawl are in to



ABOVE: Matthew Owen weighs up his options. (Photograph by Tracey Williams).

by PAUL FIELDING

Abercrave on December

PORTHCAWL RFC SECONDS 27 WICK SECONDS 13

Porthcawl Seconds continue to make the news as they remain unbeaten this campaign after a deserved home

victory against Wick.
On a bitterly cold afternoon, the home side got off to a flyer, with skipper Gareth Lloyd

skipper Gareth Lloyd placing an early penalty for 3-nil.

Wing Craig Brooks, not always available due to work commitments, took his opportunity, playing at centre, to stamp his mark on pro-ceedings with a bullockceedings with a bullocking run to score the first try of a great afternoon's work for him.

Wick managed a try of their own before Brooks added his second, with another 'through a brick wall' run for 13-8 at half-time. With forwards

Damien Llewellyn. Walters and Gareth Davies, among others, leading the way with some strong run-ning for Porthcawl, the second half continued in much the same vein.

Brooks, his afternoon turning in to a dream match, secured his hattrick try, converted by Lloyd for 20-8, before Davies got his reward for a good afternoon's graft with a try, again converted by Lloyd to make the result safe.

Wick scored a consolation try as the match ended with dusk falling, for 27-13, in a thorough-ly entertaining and enjoyable affair, played in a great spirit by both

Remembrance Day in Bridgend town centre

Wick fireworks

Wick Rugby Field will take place tomor-

THE rescheduled firework display at

row (Friday, November 26) starting at

Also, a Christmas fair will take place on

Friday, December 3, at 2pm in Wick and

Marcross Primary School hall.





CHOIR AND CHURCH ARE IN HARMONY!

A LONG association between Bridgend Male Choir and St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend resulted in an annual friendship concert given by the choir each year to support the costs associated with maintaining the church.

This year's concert takes place at the church, at 7pm on December

The choir will feature a choice of music from its extensive repertoire.
Also appearing are Cantorion
Pontyclun Ladies Choir and the
children's Choir of St Mary's Catholic School..

Tickets (£5) can be obtained from St Mary's Catholic Church and from Bridgend Male Choir on 07773 170373



WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Farm, Garon Terrace, Nantymoel conversion of former milking parlour to granny annexe

Mr Paul Upton, 12 Hutchwns Close, Porthcawl – rear extension and conservatory, alter dormers, reduce height of chimney, alter garage roof and change rear eleva-

BT Open Reach, O/S 11 Tondu Road, Bridgend – installation of one cabinet; O/S Lexton Quarella Road, Bridgend - installation of one cabinet.

Stan and Derrick Williams, land at Hel Tre Swr, Waterton, Bridgend Mr JW and GJ Morgan, 45 Heol Y Geifr, Pencoed - loft conversion and dormer projections and extension creating granny annex.

Mr AC Jones, land part of Waun Dafydd Farm, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend - certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for the siting of a residential caravan.

Mr DC Malpas, 7 Redlands Close, Pencoed - first floor extension. Mr Brian Wallace, Christadelphian Hall, 2 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - disabled ramp access.

T CLARE'S PUPILS SUPPORT HILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

have raised in excess of £600 for Children in Need - by taking part in a day of quizzes, fetes and competitions.

Pupils from the preparatory school held a winter fete with lucky dips, taste tests, sporting challenges and a guess the baby competition. The pupils also came dressed in their own clothes or in their pyja-

Senior pupils organised a host of activities including fancy dress, a sponsored silence, a beat the teacher quiz and a football and netball shoot-out.

teacher quiz and a football and netball shoot-out.

The headteacher of the school, John Aguilar, commended the pupils on their fundraising efforts:
"Congratulations to all pupils across the school for raising such an impressive sum for Children In Need. At St Clare's, we are proud of our tradition of supporting worthy charities and I am glad to see that our pupils' generosity of spirit continues".



ABOVE: Libby and Georgia.



ABOVE: Morgan Holt.



ABOVE: Maisy Corthine and Aisling McCormack-Thomas with a Children in Need cake.



Clementine Kinder, Tom Dalton, Jacob Thomas and Madeline Tomalin-Reeves who all participated in a sponsored silence.



LEFT: Mia Jones, Seren Dyton and Evie Morgan enjoy the





Angharad Lewis, Lucy Thomas, Rhiannon Norman and Laura McDonald.

Farmers' market looks back over 10 good years



ABOVE: A delighted Cliona wins the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' market logo competition

of Lesser Hall.

New initiatives to encourage farm visits.
mark its 10th year Suggested initiatives included a design a for 2011 included the logo' competition for the production of more banmarket's shopping bags, which was won by Cliona Suggett, aged 10 from St Athan Primary School and presented by Miss Wales, Courtenay Hamilton of St Donats.

A database of 600 shoppers at markets in Penarth and Cowbridge had also been set up by secretary Myfannwy Edwards of Pwllywrach Farm, Colwinston, and a hamper draw suggested by Greta Watts-Jones of Aberthin had also been very successful.

A 'friends of the mar-Glamorgan ket' group was also set up Farmers' market during the year by chair-celebrated 10 suc- man Anders Leijerstam, cessful years at the of Llantrithyd Park, AGM last Saturday Bonvilston, to strengthen Cowbridge's customer links with local food producers and

> ners, a leaflet drop in the immediate vicinity of Farmer's Penarth Market, and the production of market aprons for stallholders to wear.

Enjoying a bowl of warming soup supplied by the ladies of Cowbridge Country Market, the meeting closed with thanks to the Arthur John family and Westbourne School for housing the market stalls on their premises.

House burgled at Bridgend

BRIDGEND police are investigating a house burglary at Blackmill on Sunday (November 21).

A resident left his home on Maesyfelin,

A resident left his home on Maesyfelin, between 5.30pm-7pm and on his return found that property including a 42-inch flat screen television, a Samsung Blue-ray DVD, a Dell lap top computer and an X-Box 360 had been stolen. Detective Sergeant Claire Huish of Bridgend CID said: "Access to the house was gained via a window and it seems that this is how the property

was also removed.

"We are appealing for any information concerning this crime. If anyone saw anything such picious during the time in question, please contact the police.

"A lot of bulky items were taken from the

address and we would like to hear from anyone who may have seen these being removed."

Anyone with any information can contact DS Huish at Bridgend CID on 01656 679518 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Burglary in Llangynwyd

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating a burglary between half past midnight and 6.55am on Tuesday (November 23).

Access was gained to a house on Parc Ty'n y Waun, Llangynwyd and a number of items were

These included crystal champagne flutes and glasses, a Nokia flip mobile phone, earrings, a handbag and contents, and some carrier bags of brand new women's clothes from Debenhams the tags were still attached.

Detective Constable Joanne Lewis of Bridgend CID said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have information with regard to this incident. If you saw anyone behaving suspiciously in the area, or if you have information about this crime, please contact the police."

Contact Detective Constable Lewis at Bridgend CID on 01656 679518, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Katie Sinclair braves the beans.

bold fightback

to earn victory

It seemed that the Athletic's hopes were dead and buried at the point with the Athletic and successful at the seemed that the Athletic's hopes were dead and buried at the point would be tacklere.

and score another to earn a bonus point on top of

the four points for a victory that would have

cemented them in the top

But it was from here

that the Athletic were

suddenly rejuvenated. Crisp passing by the

backs, with an especially well-timed effort by youth product, centre James Olds, put Lyndsey McCausland clear on his

own 22. He raced into the opposition half and

stepped between Skidmore and covering

centre Gbemi Fisher, who were left staring at each other on their 22m

delighted wing dived

over for an unconverted

Corus' problems were compounded when an

injury meant they were reduced to 14 men as

they had used all their replacements. The Athletic seized on this

advantage. Williams and Penry-Ellis were win-ning good lineout ball and Mustoe and Jamie

Doherty were carrying

Corus almost sealed their victory but a desperate ankle tap by replacement full-back Craig Baker on his oppo-

site number denied him a

from their own line, Steve Lewis beat two

to kick. He transferred

the ball infield to Baker, who passed on to Leon

Pemberton

the ball to good effect.

in disbelief as the

three in the division.

Good win for the **Kenfig Hill firsts** against Cwmavon



Back row forward Steve Gillard on the rampage.

KENFIG HILL Firsts played Cwmavon away and started with a bang when a chip ahead was chased by lightning-fast right winger Kyle Evans, who outstripped the home defence to score in the corner.

The same ploy almost paid dividends minutes later when Cwmavon were saved by their short dead ball line

Cwmavon came back into the game when left winger Andrew McNeil followed a kick ahead and scored in the corner to level. Kenfig were no sign of ring rust then unlucky when out-side half Gareth Lewis off due to the autumn hit the posts with a long internationals, com-

dominant team, crushing the home scrum but Cwmavon defence kept them at bay until centre Chris Tossell broke the deadlock with a brilliant solo effort. when he took the ball inside his own half and weaved his way through the covering defence to score near the posts, Lewis making no mis-

take with the conversion.
The rest of the half was a stalemate, with Kenfig Hill attacking and Cwmavon defending. Half time score: Kenfig Hill 12, Cwmavon 5.

The home side started strongly in the second half and came close to the Kenfig line in a series of rucks and mauls, but the Mules defence was too strong, and when the moves turned to scrums. Kenfig were able to gain the ball each time and clear their lines

Kenfig then put together a good passing move which was finished off by full back Raymond Evans with a sidestep and sprint to the line, Lewis making the conversion.

consisted of Kenfig Hill attacking with at times some desperate but suc-cessful defending by Cwmavon.

Final score: Kenfig Hill 19, Cwmavon 5.
For Kenfig Hill, Chris

Tossell was named as man of the match by the referee, with Gareth Harvey also having an outstanding game, and Gareth Downes played well when he came on as a back row substitute. The whole Kenfig Hill pack played superbly, dominating the opposi-



Centre Chris Tossell hands off.

SECONDS

KENFIG HILL Seconds Aberavon Seconds and showed range penalty.

Kenfig Hill were the the Quins 33-10.

Outstanding back row forward Matthew Bater scored two tries with Marc Fitzgerald, Scott Hancock and Chris Hancock and Jenkins scoring a try each; Hancock put over four conversions

Gareth Raikes stood out in the second row with Alun Brace again playing well at hooker.

YOUTH TEAM K E N F I G HILL/CORNELLY

YOUTH played South Wales Police and lost played 38 28 in a cracking Quins game of rugby. howed Kenfig Hill were let

down by a slow start but fought back, finishing the stronger team. For Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Kenfig Hill/Cornelly, Gareth Evans, Adam Lloyd, Callum Willmott and Ross Cooper scored a try apiece, with Lloyd Bradley and Dan Heatley each putting over to conversions.

Lee Arrowsmith had

an outstanding game with Callum Willmott having another good game. Gareth Evans played well when he came on as a substitute and Ross Cooper showed up well in the second

Under-11s in stylish win

PORTHCAWL Harry Evans. Forward of under-11s played the Aberdare and it was another convincing win against a big Rhondda outfit.

Tries were scored by Harry Evans (two), Louis Protheroe (three), Dan both Williams, Brandon Will and Cooper Mahoney. Conversions were kicked by Brandon

Cooper.
This was another onesided game with the Green and Blacks still to be tested this season. Final score: Aberdare 0, Porthcawl 56.

GAME TWO

More of the same was to follow in the second game, with the Seaweeds out scoring the Black and Ambers by eight tries to

Tries were scored by: an Williams (two), Ethan Waters, Zak Furness-Jones, Brandon Cooper, Will Mahoney (two) and Joe Stradling (two). The final score was Aberd Porthcawl 61. Aberdare

Back of the match was

match was Ben

NEW SHIRTS

Porthcawl under-11s shirt sponsors this season are BEMS engineering and Porthcawl Charte Fishing. Many thanks to

CARMARTHEN

Carmarthen Quins played Porthcawl and this was more of a test for the Green and Blacks with the Quins putting on a good performance and scoring a couple of tries.

Porthcawl, though, were just a little too strong and held out for another win. Tougher fixtures are to follow with the under-11s meeting Cowbridge Decision Tries were Reandon scored by Brandon Cooper, Ben Collins and Louis Protheroe to secure the victory by 21–14. Conversions were by

Brandon Cooper. Louis Protheroe was forward of the match and Brandon Cooper was back of the match.

had a bright start, scoring

dead and buried at this wake as he ran 80m for a point and the home spectacular try that announcer was clearly Lewis converted from expecting Corus to go on the touchline to reduce the touchline to reduce the deficit to only five The Athletic were now rampant as they drove into the home 22 strong

with Matthew Norman now leading the driving play. Corus were stretched this way and that before Lewis darted through a gap to score under the posts. The conversion appeared to be a formali-ty but the defence charged as Lewis flexed his knees in preparation and blocked the kick.

Referee Mr Evans was happy to allow this to stand and the scores deadlocked. were Bridgend Athletic nearly blew it when the kick-off was dropped and Rhodri Apsee committed a high tackle.

Fortunately, Corus's replacement fly-half Codey Rees did not have his kicking boots on and failed to capitalize on this opportunity, and one which followed a minute

A penalty allowed the Athletic to establish a foothold in Corus half and another penalty award allowed Lewis to step up and send the match winning kick over the posts from 45m out. This took his own tally try. to 16 points as the From the lineout 5m Athletic saw off a last gasp surge by Corus to run out unlikely but

men when he dummied delighted winners. the ball infield to Baker, ho passed on to Leon temberton. The wing was now in return fixtures begins in his element as he had a a fortnight with a visit to broken field in front of bottom club Maesteg.

Pencoed under-14s too good for Stars

ON a cold and the first try, which was windy Sunday converted, only to be followed along the Marketine morning, Pencoed under-14s travelled to play Aberavon Green Štars.

The game started off as 13-a-side, as the Green Stars didn't have a full complement of players. Pencoed's first try came after a pass from Jack Briggs to wing Ellis Griffiths. It was converted by Alex King.

Another Green Star player turned up, so it went to 14-a-side. went to 14-a-side. Morgan Jefferies went over for Pencoed's second try of the day, which was successfully con-verted by Christopher Cooper. Green Stars scored an

unconverted try, which left the scores at 14-5 at the end of the first half.

lowed closely by Kristian Morgan's first try of the

day.
Pencoed's fourth try,
Morgan, was again by Morgan, was closely followed by Ellis Griffiths' second try. The final try came via Jason Clatworphy, making the final score 34-12 to

Pencoed.

Man of the match, chosen by the referee, was Daniel Maiden.

Squad: Scott Ewing, Jack Briggs, James Merchant, Josh Maunder, Morgan Jefferies, Johnathan Clatworthy, level the score. Daniel Maiden, James Whittaker, Christopher Cooper, Alex King, Jamie Dyer, Kristian Morgan, Clatworthy, Morgan Jones. Will Sellers, Owain Clarke, Joseph Watkins, Daniel the end of the first han.

In the second half, the Joseph Watkins, Daniel game was up to 15-a- Heiling, Ellis Griffiths side! The Green Stars and Liam Bowen had a bright start, scoring

beacks Rhys Gamble and and Matthew Hibbert Drew for his individual won good ball and drove try and some very good tirelessly and called the powerfully upfield on a tackling.

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ATHLETES PROSPER

MORE than 100 athletes putt recently competed in the Welsh Schools Indoor spanning Championships. three age groups including five members of Bridgend Athletics Club.

Athletes from all over Wales arrived at Cardiff, eager to compete in the first indoor combined events competition of the season.

The majority of the athletes had entered the schools competition, which is used to select athletes for the SIAB Combined Events International in Glasgow, held at Kelvin Hall on December 4.

The five Bridgend athletes competed in the competition and all worked extremely hard.
Ceri Jones (under-13G) competed in

her first combined events quadrathon, which consisted of four events; the shot putt, 60m hurdles, long jump and

Ceri worked extremely hard and achieved personal bests in the 800m, 60mh and the shot putt.

Rhys Roberts (under-15B), who has just moved up age groups, competed in his first pentathlon, and with higher hurdles and a heavier shot putt, Rhys tional. finished in sixth, gaining personal bests in the 800m, hurdles and shot gave incredible performances. JR

Annabel Curle and Katie Roberts, who are both under-15, competed in the Welsh Schools and the Welsh Athletics under-13/under-15 championships.

Both girls performed amazingly,

with Annabel finishing in fourth place in the championships and sixth place in

the schools competition.

Annabel achieved personal bests in the shot putt, long jump, 60mh and overall pentathlon score.

Katie, who also performed superbly,

gained personal bests in high jump long jump, 60m and her overall pentathlon score.

Bridgend's under-17 girl Lora Roberts competed in the under-18 Welsh schools and the under-17 open competitions.

Lora gave a sterling performance in the pentathlon which comprised of shot putt, 60mh, long jump, high jump and 800m, gaining personal bests in the 60mh, high jump and adding over 250 points onto her previous pentathlon personal best.

Lora finished first in the under-17

open competition and second in the under-18 schools event, and has been selected to represent the Welsh Schools at the SIAB combined events interna-

Plenty of tries scored in under-11s tournament

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC **UNDER-11 GREENS**

A COLD but dry morning Bridgend under-11 Greens Taibach welcome and Bryncethin to Newbridge Fields.

A big crowd gathered to witness some good running rugby sadly missing from the Welsh match on Friday night.

The Ath played Taibach and looked menacing, but twice ground-ed the ball short of the line. However, they weren't to be denied, and line. it was Joe Grabham who went over to open the scoring.

From the kick off, the Ath attacked again and this time Rhys Gamble took a short pass to dive over and increase the lead. Taibach then hit back, and some indiffer-ent tackling allowed them to score two tries to match of the morning

Forwards Jac Bassett, Bryncethin. Chris Crompton, large squad allowed them moment of embarrass-Matthew Hobby, Morgan to field almost an entirely ment was not recorded Hughes and Joe then different team. started to win some good ball, which gave the backs the opportunity to Durlucia, Brandon Ath 61, Bryncethin 33. show their skills. Half Burgess, Tom Zielinski Man of the match was backs Rhys Gamble and and Matthew Hibbert Drew for his individual

centre made a number of incisive runs.

They were well supbut dry Matthews and Harry effort.

Saw Provstgaard, and the Athletic Greens threatened to moved the ball wide and score on a number of occasions. Although the wrong

option was occasionally taken, the scoreboard began to tick over and further tries were scored by Chris Matthews, Chris also putting in a number of tackles.

Taibach never gave up and played good rugby of their own, running in five score the Ath 47, Taibach 29.

Man of the match

was against local side

Rhys gave a captain's performance and was in the vanguard of these ported by Ieuan Thomas, attacks and stormed over

good runs were made by Callum Morgan, Cameron Lewis, Drew Cording and Osbourne, who was playing at centre.

Drew scored an excel-lent try, fielding a high kick and setting off on an Crompton, Caine and Joe kick and setting off on an (two). Joe's hat-trick arcing run to touch down was reward for a good in the corner. The Ath's other tries were scored in Callum, Cameron and Caine Woolerton.

Bryncethin also scored ome good tries and tackled strongly to make the Ath work hard for the win.

The most entertaining moment of the morning came towards the end of went to Kyle Ball who the game when Lee ran and offloaded well tripped over a player and throughout the game. performed a backward BRYNCETHIN somersault before land-THE Greens' second ing on his backside in the mud – fortunately for Lee, Denise had stopped The Ath's the videotape and ment was not recorded for posterity.

The final score of an

Victory makes for an arresting sight!

Police come out on top in a vital game

Ryan Miles attempts to evade a tackle.

South Wales Police RFC Ogmore Vale RFC

Police welcomed Waterton Cross for

From the kick off the Police looked to attack and showed their intention to play fast and open rugby.

The Police continued

to win the territory battle and opened the scoring when in-form flanker

Wales over in the corner. Ryan Miles slotted over the Vale to conversion from a tricky angle on the touchline.

The Police were now this vital game, and looking to attack at every they knew they opportunity and a great needed to get a solo break from outside much needed victo-within bis our 22 saw within his own 22 saw him evading several tackles to finally offload within the Ogmore Vale 22 to back row Gary Money, who went over for a great try. Centre Miles again added the conversion.

However, as in previous matches, ill discipline by the Police cost



Callum Rogers holds off the Ogmore Vale defence. (Photographs by Gareth Davies).

go on a 70 yard run to go gain line.
over for another Police Hooke

It was now a case of hand and led by example the big, heavy forwards

them 9 points from the of the Vale being asked to for the whole 80 minutes. boot of Leon Cosk. They run around the park Ogmore looked to use went in at the interval against the nimble and their backs and when a

went in at the interval against the nimble and fast Police backs.

Ogmore were now The Police extended raising the tempo of their lead with a 35 yard through to score out wide game and using their bigger forwards to attack the Police lead with a discovered through to score out wide penalty from centre with the police line pow looking dangerous prominent for the Police.

pass from Ogmore saw tackles to make constant can put in good winning Police wing Craig yards into the Ogmore performances when they Chalmers intercept and 22, always crossing the work well as a team of the policy of the polic

try. Miles again added also looked to attack solid man of the match the extra 2 points.

Police line.

The Police held firm on every occasion.

With brilliant defence from Cory Evan, Callum Rogers, Vernon Dladla hand and he broke and Wil Alston. A loose through a number of showed that the Police was from Ogmore saw tackles to make constant to the police were Chris Price, Police were Chris Price, Matt Police were Chris Price, Police were Chris Price, Matt Police were Chris Price, M

For the Police, Callum Hooker Karl Davies Rogers put in another Schools entertain the Ospreys' fans



Oldcastle Primary enjoy the big match atmosphere at the Brewery Field.

THE Ospreys marked their visit to stalwart Bridgend to take on Leicester with a fantastic display of of cluster tournaments inspire them to ronow in front of a crowd of throughout the month of local young talents such as Rhys Webb, Tom almost 7,000 at the September. Field recently.

However, they were not the only players to put on a show that evening, because at half schools from around Bridgend county

only an opportunity to Primary.
celebrate the Ospreys Despite the dreadful first match at Bridgend since the region's inception, but also marked the dren of Bridgend gave a 10-year birthday celebragilmse of the talent tions of Dragon Sport, developing in the local uon, but also marked the 10-year birthday celebrations of Dragon Sport, developing in the local which still plays a vital schools under the bright role in school life and lights of the Brewery physical activity Field, and in front of the throughout Park

teamed up with Osprey stalwart Steve Tandy now community development officer at the Ospreys, to find winners of cluster tournaments

schools was the opportunity to sample the big game atmosphere and follow in the footsteps of their heroes with a half time match against fellow winners from around development of an active the county borough.

around Bridgend county
played in a tag rugby festival organised in partnership with Bridgend
Council's Active Young
People Department
(AYPD).

The event was not
Maesteg faced Pencoed

physical activity Field, and in front of the throughout Bridgend.

Members of the AYPD support and Sky Sports

Tondu under-11s

Hopefully the thrill of being in front of such excellent support will The reward for the Prydie and Gareth Owen, all now wearing the Ospreys jersey.

For the Active Young People Department, it all helps in encouraging the and healthy Bridgend.

Penalty try clinches under-14s' win TONDU under-14s

travelled Abercrave and were on the score board first through a welltaken penalty kick Rhydian

Jenkins.

The Tondu forwards competed well, with Lloyd Webb and Rhydian Jenkins breaking the gain line on several occasions and creating good targets for the Tondu forwards.

The scrummage area was extremely competi-tive. It was from this phase that Abercrave took the lead. The ball was distributed to the blindside where an overlap position was manufactured. The Abercrave centre had the pace to run in to the corner from 45 metres. This try was unconverted.

Great tackling by Harrison Evans near the corner flag prevented another Abercrave try.

Following a long period of Tondu possession near the Abercrave line, Sam Jarvis rumbled over to finish a fine forward driving maul. This try was unconverted.

Tondu finally put pressure into points. Cole Lewis and Joe Jones combined well to produce another Tondu

Cole ran down the blindside touchline from a ruck. He offloaded to the supporting Joe, who was tackled illegally in process of scoring at the corner. The official had no hesitation in awarding the penalty try, which was converted Harrison Evans.

This was fine display for Tondu in this tricky away fixture.

Abercrave 5, Tondu 15.

Athletic under-10s outlast Pontyclun

Jason Davies makes a break.

Before the game co began, there was to be a 0.

The game was split Bridgend Ath into three 15-minute Pontyclun 7. periods. The Ath made The second process of some good early tackles began with the Ath kick-to keep Pontyclun out ing off with a completely and worked hard to push different set of players, towards the Pontyclun Pontyclun started well, line. Good hands kept the forcing some good tack-ball alive allowing ling from the Ath Thomas Anthony to defence. The Ath conced-score the first try of the game. This was convert-broke through after a ed by Dan O'Sullivan.

After regaining pos-session from the kick off, make the score 21-14. the Ath continued to attack and were rewarded with their second try after Teo Fillis broke

line but were held up by Pontyclun 19 at the FFio some good tackling. It break.

Burn wasn't long before the Ath scored their third try strong start from the Ath

B R I D G E N D after some great teamwith some good handling ATHLETIC under10s travelled rontyclun last
Sunday week.
Before the game converted to make it 21Began there was to be a

youth team captain had died in a car accident. Pontyclun scoring in the Our thoughts go out to corner before the end of this young man's family and friends. converted, making it The game was split Bridgend Ath 21

The second period scrum to score. The conversion was kicked to

after Teo Fillis broke They were unable to turn Thomas Reed, Connor through to score. Dan the pressure into points, Fabian, Jamie Marshall, O'Sullivan stepped up to and Pontyclun managed Convert taking the score to be a converted to the converted to th O'Sunivain stepped up to convert, taking the score to break and drive over to score. The conversion The Ath continued to pressure the Pontyclun line but were held up by Pontyclun 19 at the

Sam Veasey steal the ball well to go over for his second try. Once again

scored by Dafydd Beech, who intercepted well and went over the line. Dan O'Sullivan kept up his 100 per cent kicking record, making it 49-19 to the Ath.

Pontyclun never gave up and were rewarded for their efforts after stealing the ball and running the length of the field to score. The try was con-verted, making the final score Bridgend Ath 49 Pontyclun 26.

make the score 21-14.
The Ath then had a good period of pressure, Gwilym John, Toe Fillis, keeping the ball well. Thomas Anthony, Dan O'Sullivan, Megan Webb,Brandyn Fooks, Webb,Brandyn Fooks, James Hermoille, Sam Veasey, Charles Creffield, Dafydd Beech, FFion Revill, Lance Burn, Jade Thomas, Josh Inter Wildmill

LISA REVILL | Minter Phoenix

Joint leaders in 'Six' league



B ATTACK head the Bridgend six-a-side Premier Division after battling to a 2-1 victory over Croissants, while Inter Wildmill will be hoping to climb Division One following a hard-fought 4-2 win against Team Extreme with Ray Larkin pulling the strings.

Fremier Division								
Team Name	Played	Goal	Diff	Point :				
B Attack	6	10		10				
Day Sleepers	6	6		10				
Persil Boys FC	6	13		9				
Croissants	6	10		7				
Andrew Dixon FC	6	-4		4				
Hangover Heroes	6	-6		4				
The Pie Boys	6	-14		2				
Blackjack	6	-15		2				
Division One								

Played Goal Diff Points Team Name Young Exiles Hardly Athletic Team Xtreme Laleston Lions No Tea Tonight Misfits

are too strong Tondu under-11s Cwmavon under-11s

AFTER an impres- Tondu at half time. sive performance last weekend, Tondu posts the tries were not under-11s were under-11s.

After some solid rucking near the Cwmavon line, Jamie Richards drove over for Tondu's first try. Soon after Garryn

Thomas scored Tondu's second try after some strong counter rucking. Tondu duly scored again, this time through Tyler Davies, who

charged his way through three defenders to score. Cwmavon went fur-ther behind to a Ben Rich try, scored after a sprint down the wing, and things got worse as Tondu ran in a further five tries before half

down, Garryn Thomas even when the game was notched his second from effectively won early on. broken play and Ben Marchant picked up from Marchant picked up from their parents, their coach-a ruck to nip in for a try, es and themselves; many before Garryn Thomas thanks to Mel for keepcompleted his hat trick to ing score! make the score 45-0 to

converted.

Cwmavon continued looking to consoli-date with another not stop Garryn Thomas good team display popping up to score his away to Cwmayon fourth try of the game. Cwmavon could not

The game got underway with Tondu going straight on the attack. Tondu's eleventh swiftly followed Morgan David with a twelfth – taking advantage of some superb for-ward work and showing great strength and pace to go over in the corner.

James Mayne bagged his second, and Tondu's thirteenth, after shrug-ging off defenders to cross the try line.

Ben Rich wrapped up the scoring with a fine run from halfway, slicing Cwmavon' through beleaguered defence to finish the scoring at 70–0 to Tondu.

Josh Evans broke play from the Tondu through after a strong youngsters who showed run, James Mayne great commitment and charged over to tones. Another pleasing dis-As ever, a credit to



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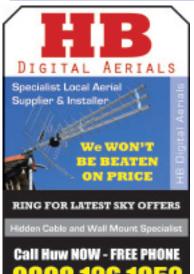
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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS 14 & 30 PENDOYLAN) DIVERSION ORDER 2010

On the 10° day of November 2010 the Valle of Glamorgan Council confirmed the

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert Public Footpeth 14, Pendeylan from the alignment A-B-C to the alignment A-B-P-G-C as shown on the order map and Public Footpeth 30, Pendeylan from the alignment 8-D to the alignment C-D as shown on the order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address be free of charge between 9.00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 25 November 2010 until 5 January 2011. Copies of the Order and map may be bought here at a price

This Order comes into force on the 25° day of November 2010, but if any person aggineed by the Circler decires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1930, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complete with in reliation to the Circler, had also may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 8 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 25° day of November 2010 make an application to the High Court.

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By virtue of Section 65 (2A) of the above Act, Notice is hereby given that under Section 65(1) of that Act, the said Council has approved a new tariff for licensed Hackney Carriages as set out below:

Tariff 1 First % of a mile or part thereof. For each subsequent one-tenth of a mile or part thereof. Waiting Time – Applies to all tariffs at £15 per hour based on units of a second. Extra Charges (for all tariffs).	£2.80 £0.19 £16.00 per hour Nil
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Tariff 3 5.00pm December 24° to 6.00am 27° December 6.00pm December 31° to 6.00a.m. 2° January For each subsequent one-tenth of a mile or part thereof.	£4.20 £0.28
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Maximum Charge for cleansing the interior of the vehicle.	£60.00

Any person wishing to object to the new tariffs should object in writing within 14 days of this Notice to the Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

Yn rhinwedd Adran 65 (2A) o Ddeddf uchod, Rhoddir rhybudd trwy hyn fod o dan Adran 65 (1) o'r Ddeddf, mae'r dywedodd Cyngor wedi cymeradwyo tariff newydd ar gyfer trwyddedu Cerbydau Hacni fel y nodir isod:

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ICENSING ACT 2003

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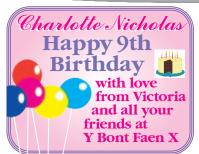
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Family Notices

Birthdays





Congratulations



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we pray that they will be blessed also. Jodie, Phillip, David and Eunice

Birth Notices

November 29th Congratulations on becoming a teenager! All my love, Nan



Happy 18th

and talenteď girl. Love always, Mum. Dad and Harry. xxx

Family Notices - Funeral Directors

Bradley-Meerwald née Chambers **Rozalind Gwen**

Suddenly on November 20, at her home in Suddenly on November 20, at her home in Llantwik Major, Roz. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday November 29, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request.

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Edwin Thomas

Peacefully on the 15th November 2010, Edwin of Llantwit Major.

Dearly loved Husband of the late Dorothy, Father of David and Rosemary, Grandad of Gareth, Sian, Aled and Rhianwen, and Great Grandad to Ethan. and Rhianwen, and Great Grandad to Ethan.
Funeral service on Monday 29th November in
St.llltud's Church, Llantwit Major at 1.15pm.
Family flowers only, but donations may be made to
Help for Heroes (cheques only) c/o Wa. Brown & Son,
College Street, Llantwit Major.

In memory of **Maurice Dwek**

Died suddenly at home on November 22, 2010, aged 82 years. Devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday December 1 at Holy Cross at 1.30pm, followed by private interment. All enquiries to William James and Sons Funeral Directors, tel: 01446 710096.

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on 20th Nov 2010

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Care workers honoured at prestigious event

Cardiff City Hall was the venue for this year's Wales Care Awards 2010 presentations and local people were prominent among the prizewinners.

Keri wins award – at a canter!

A FORMER stablegirl from Barry, Keri Llewellyn, received a bronze award at the Wales Care Awards presentation

She had been nominated in the category for leadership and management in supported living care, sponsored by Christie and Co.

Last year Keri, who is manager of the Barry and Cardiff branches of All Care (South Wales) Ltd,

attended the ceremony to support colleagues who had been nominated, but this time she found herself in the limelight.

She has worked in the care sector for about 18 years, including some time as manager of the home, but enjoys concentrating on the communitybased work.

Keri (40), was nominated for the award by her manager Emma James, Emma said that Keri worked hard to raise the profile of the domiciliary care sector and to ensure that staff gained as many qualifications as possible to that clients received a high standard of care.



ABOVE: Kerri Llewellyn

Melissa's wellearned bronze



ABOVE: Melissa Phillips.

MELISSA PHILLIPS of Barry, was among the winners at the Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales, to highlight exceptional work in the care profession.

Melissa won a bronze award in the category for Residential Care Practitioners, sponsored by

Barchester Healthcare.

Born and brought up in Barry, Melissa is a senior nursing assistant at College Fields Nursing Home. She formerly worked as a clerical assistant and first visited College Fields when her mother, for whom she had been caring, moved to live there.

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Despite suffering from a back problem, which leaves her in constant pain, one of Melissa's main interests is gardening, and with deputy matron Ann Gore, she set about creating a magnificent garden at College Fields, which regularly wins awards in the Vale of Glamorgan Vale in Bloom competition.

Ann Gore, who supported her nomination, said that Malicas balead to involve the regidentic

that Melissa helped to involve the residents throughout, from buying plants in the garden centre to planting – and eating the rhubarb tart.

Gordon is the top newcomer

A BARRY man who was made redundant last year from his job as a carpenter, won the coveted title of 'Exceptional Newcomer' at the Wales Care Awards, sponsored by Barclays Commercial, receiving a gold award.

Gordon Black (37), works for Greenbanks Homecare (Wales) Ltd at Barry. Despite being in the job for only just over a year, he's proved so adept in his role that he's become a team

When he was made redundant in the building industry, he discovered that jobs for carers were about the only ones on offer. He visits about 30 homes, mostly in Barry and Penarth, helping and reassuring.

"When I make a cup of tea and see a smile on a face that's good enough for me. There's nothing better than that," added Gordon, of Barry, a Scotsman and father of a five-year-old daughter.

His nomination was requested by his manag-



ABOVE: Gordon Black.

Barry's Rachel, matron with a golden touch!



ABOVE: Rachel Kemp.

A BARRY woman has been named as 'nurse of the year' - and she has a gold award to prove it.

The top accolade went to Rachel Kemp in the glittering Care event at Cardiff City Hall.
Her category was sponsored by Southern Cross Healthcare. Mrs Kemp's mantra is providing dignity and compassion for those with terminal illness who are in her care. Since 1994, Mrs Kemp has been matron of

College Fields, a 68-bed palliative care nursing home at Barry. She has an impressive nursing background, training in the then South Glamorgan hos-pital and working in elderly care wards before becoming a sister at Cardiff Royal Infirmary. She also served in the wounds rehabilitation unit

at the University College of Medicine, Cardiff. The nursing home is owned by her husband Michael, a chartered surveyor, and there is a staff

Members of staff at College Fields and other homes backed the recommendation that Mrs Kemp be honoured. They say she has an uncanny knack of understanding the trauma of families and in helping them come to terms with their situation.

Penarth Computer Club update DISC DEVELOPMENT

AT a recent meeting of **Penarth Computer Club** on backing up files, we discussed what to protect and how to do it, so that we would not lose any precious documents or pictures.

We marvelled at the way in which our storage options had improved over the years. The cost of storage has reduced at an amazing pace, such that it should no longer be an obstacle to mak-ing frequent and numerous copies of files in order to sure that files are safe.

Floppy discs were originally introduced in the early 1970s. They were eight inches wide and thin enough to be floppy, hence the name.

They were supplanted in the late 1970s by five inch floppies and these in turn were replaced by 1987 by a popular, pocket sized, three inch version that wasn't really floppy, because it had a stiffer, plastic sleeve, but known as a floppy just the same.

There was no quick switch-over from one to another and a variety of short-lived or spe cialised alternatives with differing capacities came and went along the way.

The three inch floppy lasted longest in the Double Density version with a capacity of 1.44 Megabites (MB). It is (just about) still around today.

It is honoured by being pic-tured in the icon for the Save

button on many tool bars.

The information on a floppy is stored magnetically onto the disc material. For backing up data, one would often have to use sets of floppies to hold all the infor-

1982 also saw the introduction of CDs (Compact Disc) into general use for storing and playing music. In a few years it was adopted for storing computer data. Its typical capacity is 700MB (equivalent to over 450 floppies).

The CD data is stored as a physical code of pits and flats. The higher capacity of the CD started to erode the usefulness of the floppy for storage as the number of floppies required for back-up grew as files became larger and more numerous.

By 1995, technology developed the DVD (Digital Versatile Disc) with a storage capacity of 4.7 GB (over 3000 floppies) on a

single side or layer.
In recent years, external hard disc drives have been increasing their capacity and reducing their cost. A 1TB drive can be bought for under £50.

Its capacity is approaching that of 700,000 floppies. Consider storing the sheer bulk of so many floppies and keeping them in order.

At their cheapest floppies cost

about 30p each. (or about £208,000 per TB!) How things have moved on!

Floppies are now so out-ofdate that new computers do not come with a floppy drive, but instead have DVD drives and

USB flash drives are getting bigger and cheaper as well. A 2GB flash drive costs under £10 (replacing, 1300 floppies or £400!)

As we move from one type of store medium to another, we must remember not to leave our back-ups on a medium we no longer have the hardware to read

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 14 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth 7.30 for 8.00pm It will be a social evening with Chips and Chats after a fun quiz by Mike. Visitors welcome.

For more information, tele-phone me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

Local police officers attend mosque festival in Barry



MUSLIMS in the Vale celebrated Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) November 16 – the concluding act of a pilgrimage to Mecca.

As part of the day's celebrations, Muslims Sullivan from Barry should be the best at attended the Mosque on police station. attended the Mosque on Holton Road, Barry, and Supt Dave said: responding to our comwere joined by the com- "When he took on his munities' needs. In order

ABOVE: Pictured at Barry Mosque are Sergeant Bernard Sullivan, Imam of the Mosque Maulana Arif Hansrod, Superintendent Jay Dave, Rashid Jeebhai, Sufyan Ullah and Moawia Bin-Sufyan, a member of the South Wales Police Authority.

mander of the Vale new role, Chief police, Superintendent Constable Peter Jay Dave and Police Vaughan set the standard Sergeant Bernard that South Wales Police

to do this we must reach out to all members of our society and understand and appreciate the richness of the cultures that surround us.

"We must recognise the important dates and festivals of all faiths in order to be able to provide a sensitive and comprehensive policing service across the South Wales community.

Restoration begins on Barry's legendary locos



MEMBERS of the Vale of Glamorgan **British Legion this** week joined Jane Hutt AM and Coun Rhodri Traherne at the Barry Rail Centre, to celebrate the beginning of the first restoration project undertaken in Barry of the 'Barry 10' steam locomotives.

The first project will see the restoration of a Midland Fowler Tender, as part of the Patriot Project.
John Buxton, the

chairman of the Cambrian Group that now operates the Barry Rail Centre, said: "The Barry 10 were the last of the steam locomotives remaining at Dai Woodham's historic Barry Scrapyard to await restoration.
"Earlier this year we

announced our exciting plans to secure a future

ABOVE: Members of the Vale of Glamorgan British Legion, Jane Hutt AM, Coun Rhodri Traherne, Dr Mark Lang, and Members of the Project Team.

BELOW: Work starts on the restoration of the Fowler Tender.



for them, ensuring they continue to be available to future generations to understand our railway heritage. This first project on the Fowler Tender makes these plans real.

Coun Traherne, cabinet member for econom-

ic development and regeneration at the Vale Council, said "I am delighted that Cambrian have now begun work to implement the plans for the restoration of these important locomotives, and that the work is

being undertaken in Barry employing local people. It was great to be part of this important milestone event, and I look forward to follow ing the progress with

Dinas Powys Probus Club visit



SEVEN-TEEN club members enjoyed a very interesting tour of the Welsh Assembly recently.

Local AMs met with the members before the tour commenced and the tour guide proved verv knowledgeable and informative on the structure of the Assembly.

Volunteers sought for litter pick

'FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' will be holding a litter pick at Watchtower beach (the Knap) on Sunday (November 28) at Watchtower Bay at 3pm.

Gloves and litter picking equipment will be provided and all children under 14 must be accompanied by an

Co-ordinator Coun Rob Curtis, said: "We

need as many volunteers as possible at Watchtower beach next Sunday to help clean our marine environ-ment. Our seas and beaches are becoming overwhelmed with plastic litter which not only looks horrible, but kills and injures many of our fantastic marine animals every



ABOVE: Volunteers are pictured at last month's Porthkerry beach clean.

MEMORIES OF A GREAT WELSH-BORN COMEDIAN

A WARM welcome was given at last Thursday's Dinas Powys Rotary Club night to the chairman of Tommy Cooper Society, Chris Beach, who gave a hilarious talk on the life of Caerphilly's most famous son and one of Britain's best loved and funniest comedians.

The society was formed in 2003 and the original aim was to

raise funds for erection of a statue to Tommy, which was unveiled by the society's patron, Sir Anthony Hopkins in February 2008.

Tommy's magic career started at the age of eight when an aunt bought him a magic set. Soon bought him a magic set. Soon after the outbreak of World War Two, Cooper joined the army and served for seven years until 1947. It was during his time in Cairo

that he got his trademark hat – a middle eastern Fez.

Tommy Cooper one of Britain's favourite comedians,

died perhaps appropriately, whilst in the middle of a live TV show. On April 15, 1984, during a Royal Variety performance, he collapsed from a massive heart attack halfway through his act.

Initially, people thought it was part of his act but it was soon realised he was genuinely ill. Despite attempts to revive him, he died later in hospital.

Rotarian Richard Beer gave the vote of thanks to Chris on behalf of all those present.



ABOVE: Members of staff from Carillion (Mark Wüstoff, Tina Tugwell, Darren George), John Periera (event organiser); jobseekers and Pippa Jones, training manager (centre).

Jobseekers' fair is well attended

It was hosted by the Vale Council's lifelong in the area.

MORE than 125 jobseekers attended a learning employment training service recruitment fair held recently to assist long- (LLETS). Visitors were able to talk to potential term unemployed people in the Vale to get employers and support groups enabling them to gain more information on potential careers

Vale planning applications

Mr Callaghan, St Quentins Cottage, St Quentins Hill, Llanblethian – remove three Sycamores (Maples) and one

apple tree.
Mrs Sarah Davies, 10 Summerland Crescent, Llandough, Penarth - dormer to existing bedroom. Mr Andrew Thomas, Plot 2, The Gables, South View, **Rhoose** – re-design of previously approved four bedroom

detached dwelling and double garage. Mr and Mrs McKenna,
Ambergate, 3 Orchard Lodge, Boverton – remove conifer. Ms Delyth Williams, 57 Arcot

Street, Penarth – remove conifer. Retrospective application to erect banner signage. Ms M McCausland, 11 Brookside, Dinas Powys - single storey annex to side, plus single storey rear extension. Mr and Mrs SM Dyer, 1 Plas St Andresse, Penarth Marina, **Penarth** – new balcony and new windows to front elevation. Mr James Heron, 31 Cligant y Meillion, Rhoose – retrospective application for conversion

of integral garage.
Ms Jane Rogers, 2 Plas St
Andresse, Penarth Marina, Penarth - new balcony to front elevation.

Mr R Edwards, 16 Cwrt Y Vil, Penarth – new double garage to rear of the property. Miss Jeanette Mins, 16Vale View Crescent, Llandough conservatory. Mr Alan Salisbury, **Beaulieu,**

13 Romilly Park Road, Barry – detached storage shed. Mr and Mrs Harvey, The Hollies, Port Road, Wenvoe rear extension, remodelling of roof to create first floor living space and construction of new porch and roof over existing

Selina Whitey, 15 Albert Crescent, Penarth - reduction Conifer in side garden. Mr N Halsall, **89 Westbourne** Road, Penarth - single storey side extension.

Mr Ronald Franklin 62 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys – downstairs WC at the rear of property.

Mr and Mrs David Crockford, land at 1 East View, Twyn Yr Odyn, Wenvoe – change of use of land to domestic garden (retrospective) and retention of steel storage container.

Mr Gareth Thomas, Badgers Hollow, Graig Penllyn – summer house within garden area. Mr Stuart Field, **Lower House** Farm, Rhoose Road, Rhoose retention and tiling of existing timber garage.

Mrs S Evans and Mr M Murphy, The Cottage, Llandough - two storey side extension.

Mrs Lesley Mills-DAvies, Westwinds, Llanmaes – demolition of existing garage and construction of new extension to existing dwelling house with new detached garage.
Mr John Stark, Ash Tree
House, Bonvilston – side single

storey and rear double and single storey extensions with front porch and internal works. Mr J Evans, Colhugh Villa,

Flanders Road, Llantwit Major – demolition of existing timber conservatory and erec-tion of white uPVC double glazed pitched roof garden

Mr C Le Guilcher, 4 Grove Terrace, Penarth - renewal of planning permission to construct a single storey rear exten-

Mrs Susan Williams, land known as Caeriland adjacent to Ewenny Road, Wick - hay storage and sheep in-wintering building to replace existing buildings. Mr Robert Harry, Pen Y Bryn,

19A Britway Road, Dinas Powys - cladding of existing house with limestone. Mrs Kathryn Rossi, 6 Maes y felin, Llandow - first floor extension.

Mr Paul Jennings, 55 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys - detached garage at rear of property.
Mr Andrew Raven, 28 Bramble
Avenue, Barry – single storey side extension.

Mr Tom Evans, 1 Little Acre. Corntown - extension to existing porch to provide additional lobby. Remove monopitch roof and add new pitched gable roof. Mr and Mrs M Barrett, 7 Paget Road, Barry - conversion of part of ground floor into a selfcontained two bedroom flat. Conversion of lower ground floor into a self-contained one bedroom flat Retention of part of the ground floor for a sales kiosk fronting onto Paget Road with retained existing A3 use. Mr Colin Burbage, Upalong House, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys - two-storey self contained extension to the existing domestic dwelling and separate studio to form an annex to

ly members. Mrs Melanie Williams, **18 Duffryn Crescent, Peterston-Super-Ely** – replacement of existing conservatory with first floor and kitchen extension. Mr Mark Haynes, Ysgol Gyfun Bro, Morgannwg Site, Colcot Road, Barry - new Welsh medium school.

the property for additional fami-

David O'Brien, Pendoylan Church, Pendovlan - reduce and shape by 30 per cent Beech

Mr Paul Smith, 20 Plas Gwernen, Barry – first floor extension to front and side of dwellinghouse.

Squad: Tobias Hun

Under-11s

Bridgend Athletic

33 vs Bryncethin 26

A SLUGGISH start by

Bryncethin allowed the

Athletic to build up a

head of steam and score

After a talking to from the coaches at halftime,

Excellent interplay

between forwards and

backs, especially Ryan Lovell, Morgan Tarr,

Emyr Hunnam and Owen

Hart meant that Brvn

were much more effec-

tive going forward. The

backs showed good pace

and accurate ball skills to

run in tries by Dafydd

Under-12s

Pen-y-Graig 0 vs

Bryncethin 19

tified as they dominated

the first half, making it easy for Christian Jones to score the open-ing try. Further pres-

sure from Bryncethin saw Cory Rogers score

the second to give Bryncethin a 12 – 0 lead

Pen-y-Graig responded well at the beginning

of the second period and

were much more forceful

in the tackle area. It was

n't to be enough though,

as Cory Rogers was

again in the right place at

the right time, as he had

Owen Jones – super per-formance showing posi-

tive aggression and pro-

tecting the ball at the

(captain), Liam Morgan,

Casey Sonnekus, Ieuan

Davies, Jacob Walters, Corey Rogers, Christian

Henry

Morgan, Leon Sylvester and Sam Harding.

Jones, Nicholas

Clark

Squad - Adam John

rucking area

Ford.

Owen

at half time.

Finlay

Luke Board,

BRYNCETHIN MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Old rivalries provide keen competition Morgan Thomas, Rhys ing in this department. the offensive Williams and Jake Bryncethin were tentative going forward in the Squad: To

Under-8s Bridgend Athletic 6 vs Bryncethin 13 BRYNČETHIN made the short journey to Bridgend Athletic with an eager squad looking for a good contest – they weren't

to be disappointed. The first half got underway at a frantic pace and only good defensive play by Bryncethin kept the Athletic at bay. Two quick breakaway tries gave Bryncethin the lead and the confidence to grow into the game.

With Dexter Jones, Hollie Morgan, Mike Gillette and Morgan Hughes all excelling, the visitors stormed to a 6 – 2 half time lead.

Following changes made at the break, the second half continued with Bryncethin on top. The Athletic continued to play a good game but further good work from Miles Blakeman Ben Daniel, Morgan Thomas and Jac Jervis ensured that the final score was never in doubt with a 13-

never in doubt with a 13-6 win for Bryncethin.

Try scorers: Miles Blakeman (three), Shaun Batchelor (two), Ifan Hunnam (two), Will Laverick (two), Rhys Williams, Mike Gillette, lake Whitefield and

Milatils, interest and Rhys Cawley
Man of the match:
Miles Gillette for great
tagging, support play and
direct running. A special mention must go to Ben Daniels for a terrific first

Squad: Ifan Hunnam (captain). Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Rhys foundations are laid Mullens, Cawley, Ben Daniels, with a solid defence and Mike Gillette, Morgan it must be said that Man o Hughes, Jac Dexter Jones, Jervis,

Under-9s Pen-y-graig 12 vs Bryncethin 1

YET another spirited showing from the inexperienced Bryncethin team, led by Dafydd Baker for the day. The fantastic attitude shown by the growing squad and the support of their many followers means that they can only go from strength to strength.

A very tough first half saw great tackles made by Lloyd Costigan, Mason Jones, Kathryn Pritchard, Thomas Painter and Dylan Hill. There was also some attacking flair shown by Mason, Dylan and Billy Sinclair to keep supporters' spirits up, but it couldn't stop Pen-y-graig finishing the first half 7– 0 ahead.

The second half saw more some strong defence by all but a wonderful try-stopping tackle made by Callum Williams on his debut drew great appreciation from the crowd. Then a well deserved try by Mason Jones saw the second half end 5-1.

Man of the match: Mason Jones

Squad: Mason Jones, ane Walters, Kathryn Pritchard, Geraint Callum Williams, Dylan Hill, Thomas Painter, Lloyd Costigan, Billy Sinclair and Dafydd Baker.

Under-10s Bryncethin 50 vs

Maesteg Celtic 0 AS with any victory, the with a solid defence and and Daniel Osarigie it must be said that Man of the Match: Will Board

tive going forward ini-tially and were having Osarigie, Aaron Thomas, difficulty putting Scott Ryall, Jack Scott Ryall, Jack Thomas, Ethan Hopkins, together many phases

of play. Slowly, they started to Slowly, they started to Mullens, Josh Napper, make inroads and the strength of Scott Ryall Dixon and Rhys Davies. Keiran Dixon allowed territory to be gained. Further ground made by Ethan Hopkins, who released Daniel Osarigie to open

the scoring.
This was quickly followed by scores from **four tries in the first** Aaron Thomas and Ethan **half.** The sole response Hopkins, with conver- for Bryn was a score sions from Jack Thomas from Emyr Watkins.
making it 19 – 0 at the
After a talking to from

the coaches at halftime,
The second half saw a
more relaxed Bryncethin,
with Tobias Hunt using
with Tobias Hunt using
only real to release runners into space. This inspired his team-mates from and Josh Napper, with Finlay and Josh both added the extra points for

converting.

The ball was being spread right across the pitch going through numerous hands. Josh Napper gave a beautiful-

Conversions: Thomas (two), Finlay

retention was much better and a more aggressive defence restricted the number of opportunities the Athletic had.

become much more expansive in their play. This attitude was to be rewarded with further Ethan Hopkins, Finlay Mullens

Evans, Iwan Veasey and ly-timed passed to Daniel
Osarigie for another
Score and good interchange between Jack,
Tobias and Luke allowed
Daniel to score his third

as the Athletic he Despite the tremendous effort it was to be too little too late for Bryn as the Athletic held on for Daniel to score his third. the victory.

Man of the match:

Try scorers: Daniel Osarigie (three), Ethan Iwan Veasey Hopkins (two), Aaron Thomas, Josh Napper Pen-y-G and Finlay Mullens

Josh Napper

Rhys Davies, Luke Tobias Hunt - An eace.

Roard and Morgan lent display of link play Laverick, Hollie Morgan, Stevens were outstand- to keep Bryncethin on easy

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Senior girls just lose out in hockey tournament

IN the Cardiff and Vale senior county eight games during the pool round. Games were Vale senior county hockey tournament preliminary round, Cowbridge were drawn against Glantaf and The Bishop of Llandaff.

Bishop of Llandaff could not field a team so the winners of the match between Glantaf and Cowbridge would go through to the finals to play the other pool winners.
Cowbridge has won

this age group title for four years, and Glantaf once last year. Cowbridge fielding a strong team with Welsh players Katie Howson, Rachel Bradshaw and Barry team players Bethan Moorcraft, Molly Llewellyn (also county) and Sophie Dando against a strong club, county and Welsh contingent from Glantaf, it was always going to be a tough game

In the first half, the teams were evenly matched but Glantaf got a goal close to half time when the Cowbridge defence were left exposed to a Glantaf overload in attack. In the second half all the possession was in Cowbridge's attacking circle but they could not get a goal.

When Glantaf did get an opportunity to attack, they capitalised upon this and the unmarked attacker on the post

scored. From a side line hit taken by Alyson Bater, Katie Howson showed her skills to take it down the pitch with a pass to Rachel Bradshaw who **BRYNCETHIN** started the game at Pen-v-Graig in buoyant mood. scored a well deserved The confidence was jusgoal.

Unfortunately Cowbridge failed to score from two good opportunities, but Katie Howson showed her creative skills and again took the ball from halfway and scored to make the final score 3-2 to Glantaf. Very disappointing for the Cowbridge senior team.

Player of the match: Katie Howson.

Netball

THE combined vear 9 and 10 netball team played in the annual Urdd Netball tournament at Tal-y-Bont.

eight minutes long and therefore very intense, sharp. and Cowbridge were keen to put their Marbella skills into practice after their half-term tour

Their first game was against Llantwit. After a start quick start for Cowbridge and two good goals by Mairi Boxall, Cowbridge were leading 2-0. Llantwit came back to Cowbridge after a couple of foot-

work errors.
It was 2-2 after Mairi again made a good inter-ception and Jo Wilkins scored and Llantwit equalised again making

the final score 3-3.
The second game was against Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr where Sarah Lewis came on as GK and played very well, making many intercep-tions. Mairi Boxall played well in GA with Jo Wilkins as GS scoring two goals versus Gwyr's one goal.

The third game against Dwr y Felin, Cowbridge won 3-0 with all goals being scored by Hannah Woodward. Hannah Olivia Brown made some excellent interceptions, stopping Dwr y Felin having any chance of scoring.
After a lunch break,

Cowbridge played their fourth game against Gwynllyw. Liz Whitehouse as always played outstandingly the centre court, feeding the ball from defence to attack. Olivia Brown also played a solid game in defence. The final score was 2-2.

In the fifth game against Cwm Rhymni, unfortunately they were a very good team and Scored six goals against Cowbridge's one. The girls were just outclassed in this game.

The sixth game against Bryn Hafren was a disappointing one. Although it was a 2-2 draw. Cowbridge's performance was way down on previous performanc-

es in the day.

After the disappointment of drawing against Brvn Hafren, Cowbridge fighting against Bro Morgannwg ith three quick goals Bro Morgannwg came back with two goals but Cowbridge held on for the win.

In the final game

Cowbridge played against Caldicot the girls

Presentation to veteran bowler

AT the AGM of Barry Veteran Bowlers Association, chairman Albert Bubbins relinauished his position for health rea-

Jones, Morgan Howells, Jack Ladler, Connor He has served as a loval and devoted member of the BVBA for many years, and as a token of appreciation, committee members visited him at his home and presented him with a plaque for services

were tired and unfortunately lost 4-2.

Overall, the girls had an enjoyable day, ending up in fifth place in the pool. With too many games ending in a draw, this stopped them contending a pool which was very close.

Team: Jo Wilkins, Mairi Boxall, Hannah Woodward, Lili Evans, Liz Whitehouse, Olivia Brown, Sarah Lewis, Caitlin Allin, Bethan Sloan, Nancie Edwards.

YEAR-10 RUGBY

HAVING had a successful start to the season with comprehensive wins over Barry and Bro Morgannwg, the year 10 rugby team were in confident when Stanwell arrived.

Having narrowly lost to Stanwell in last year's final, this was sure to be a fiercely fought out contest. In what only can be described as monsoon conditions. Cowbridge strongly showed some silky skills for wing Chris Powell to complete the opening

As the light faded and conditions worsened, Cowbridge continued to dominate the game and apart from a brief spell Stanwell pressure early in the second half. which resulted in a try, the result was never in doubt, with another score for Powell and abrasive scrum half Chris Brace, who also provided the scoring pass to wing Harry

A tremendous effort from all the boys, who will be looking for the same result when the finals day comes around in the New Year.

KARATE SUCCESS COWBRIDGE pupils year-8 Shellie May and Williams Paige took part in the Bushi Kai Championships, competing against competitors from

all over Wales. In the 10-12 year-old category, Shellie May came second, and in the 13-15 year old category. Williams came third. Well done.

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Cowbridge under-12s march on in Blues Cup

THIS was a close-fought game version, which was narrowly missed from the first whistle to the last, as Cowbridge under-12s and Treharris gave their all for a win in the Blues Cup.

Each set of forwards performed well on a sticky pitch, securing the ball for their respective backs to break forward as best they could under the

muddy conditions.

Everyone on the Cowbridge team played their part, with a couple of out-standing contenders for man of the match – Ben Terry and Matthew Keating – leading the team and inspiring them with a display of ferocious

Lineouts were faultless with James Walters using his height advantage to feed Osian John at scrum half, who used great initiative to keep the oppos-ing team guessing if he would pass or

make a darting run.

Joe Watts made a couple of storming runs to take the visitors well into the Treharris 22.

All the backs were tested against a well-drilled defence, before James Holder finally broke through to score the opening try, leaving a difficult conby Cai Evans.

After the interval. Treharris came back and levelled the score with a well-worked try. Cowbridge again dug deep to defend their position, with big tackles coming from Tomos Evans Williams and Duncan Ace.

The forwards did exceptionally well, driving a strong opposition off the ball several times for the attack to continue.

conversion. This was the straw that broke the camel's back for Treharris, who realised defeat was inevitable. The third try, scored by Dan Bunny, was the result of relentless effort from a determined Cowbridge team to leave the home team two converted tries

been all game, to score
his second of the match.

Man of the match:

A well-deserved second try for Cowbridge came from Charles Pegrum, who scored after a marvellous sprint from the halfway line, leava trail of bemused Treharris defenders behind him to leave an easy

Cowbridge then held out to progress to the next round of the Blues Draw as the Wales under-18s take France Juniors in Bordeaux and it looked on young

THE Wales and **England under-18** rugby league sides fought out a thrilling 26-all draw at Caerphilly last week.

England came into the Welsh game on the back of a 34–8 defeat to France Juniors in as it they were going the same way in Caerphilly in the first 20 minutes when Wales dominated.

Chris Davies try, his second of the game. ensured that the spoils were shared.

Wales took the lead from their first attack when Dale Evans set up South Wales Scorpion's new signing Chris Davies, who twisted his way over. Courtney Davies added the easy conversion. England struck back

on eight minutes when Birmingham Bulldogs' Ryan Millar pounced on a loose ball following a grubber kick. Luke Willings' kick was cen-

Wales **England Community Lions 26**

by IAN GOLDEN

behind.

Wales extended their lead on the quarter hour. Jean Baptiste Bruzhulier (from Cardiff would you believe), set up the score by running 60 metres breaking free of the England backline. He laid off to Dafydd Carter, who in turn set up James Griffiths to

Evans completed a fine attacking move involv-ing most of the backs. Courtney Davies had missed the previous conversion, but made no mistake this time to make the score 16-4 to Wales.

England came back again when Millar scored his and England's second in

minutes. David Pyke converted.

Four minutes later, they were level when Jacob Blades set up Nathan Slater to go in iust left of the sticks. Pyke goaled again.

Wales went into halftime with a 20–16 lead when Dafydd Carter set up Matthew Crane to go over. Davies' kick was only just wide of the posts

They almost extended their advantage six minutes into the second half, but Michael

Channing was pulled into touch by Jacob Blades when diving for the line.

England recovered, worked their way up the field and lack Francis broke through to sprint the last 20 metres to the line to level the scores again. Pyke missed the

From then on it was end to end as both sides tried to get a winner. England's Joe Bullock fumbled behind his own line but Wales couldn't

resulting set of six.

The visitors took advantage from their next attack as Blake Mahovic scored a fine individual try with Pyke converting for England to take the lead for the first time on 55 min-

Wales finally crossed the line three minutes from time with Chris Davies getting his sec-ond under the sticks and Courtney Davies converting.

Under-7s get a taste of real competition



BARRY Rugby Club under-7s travelled to play Llantwit Major on Sunday, November 21.

Llantwit were very well drilled, proving too strong for Barry, who were beaten for the first time in four games.

The mini rugby section meet every Sunday at 10 am at Barry Rugby Club and are looking for any new players to come along. All ages welcome! Back row (left to right) - Kes Morrissey, Charley Angove, Matthew Pugh, Evan Prosser. Front row (left to right) - Medi Western, Cerys Elliot, Caleb Bowsher, Malachy McIntyre, Jack Bryant.

Barry chess club's week ends on a high

AFTER a miserable start for teams playing in East Glamorgan Chess League matches, Barry Chess Club scored a very pleasing victory to end the week.

The Barry Gambits travelled to Rhiwbina Tennis Club on Monday for a rearranged match with North Cardiff Cheetahs

The Gambits have been having a rough ride this season. Their prospects for staying in division 3 already hang by a perilously thin thread and captain Peter Watkins' decision to take a week's holiday prompted much mumbling in the ranks about certain long tailed

rodents and sinking ships!
A dubious last minute team change by their hosts further unsettled Barry's hapless third team and a draw by Barry's Ken Hannah on board 1 was the visitors' only consolation as they succumbed $4^{1}/_{2}$: $^{1}/_{2}$ in an ill-tempered match.

Having been demoted from division 1 last season, the Cardiff Monarchs were always going to prove a handful for Barry's second eam, The Camelots, who visited them on Wednesday.

Barry's prospects were dealt anoth-

er blow when their intended board 1 player was forced to absent himself at short notice necessitating the team's remaining players to move up the pecking order and introduce a late substitute on board 5.

In the event, The Camelots suf-

fered a not totally unexpected 4:1

Craig Woolcock drew for the visitors on board 1 and was perhaps a lit-tle unlucky not to have recorded a full A further, unexpected draw was recorded by Barry's Guenter Etzmuss on board 3 to the amazement of onlookers and players who had all totally miscalculated his endgame prospects.

There was a double home fixture at Barry Chess Club on Thursday when its fourth team, The Quarks, hosted St John's College Neutrinos while its first team, The Bosons, did battle with division 1 leaders, Penarth Pirates.

St John's could only field four players so their default of board 5 gave The Quarks a handy 'bonus' start which was soon added to by Dave Mahoney and Chris Green as The Quarks recorded a competent 3:2 victory.

The high point of Barry's week came in the Boson's match. Penarth Pirates have been flying high this sea-son and sat at the top of East Glamorgan's premier division while the Bosons, although performing well themselves, were missing two of their regular players.

Delighted Bosons captain Lee Davies praised his team's "text book" 31/2:11/2 match win as he and Craig Woolcock recorded wins with white pieces on boards 2 and 4 respectively, while Penarth were held to draws by Barry on the odd numbered boards where they had the advantage of the

Barry Chess Club meets every
Thursday evening at 7.30pm on he
first floor of the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry. Anyone with an interest in chess is welcome to visit for a chat or a friendly game with one of the club's members before perhaps considering playing regularly in league matches. KEVIN GANDY



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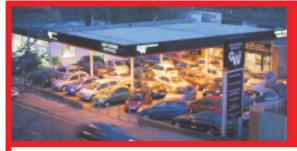
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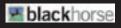
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Wenvoe golf team takes prestigious Welsh title



WENVOE Castle Golf Club recently won the prestigious Ping Welsh Team (Mixed Foursomes) Championship.

The competition is one of the major championships organised by the Golf Union of Wales and teams from clubs throughout Wales are eligible to enter.

This year, there were 67 entries and the early stages of the knock out competition were competed over four regions. with the top eight teams Rear (left to right): Gordon Macpherson, Chris Tatt, club president Brian Coffin. Front: Lynnette Williams, Sue Macpherson, Sandra Cook, Sheila Davies and Nicky Sims. Lloyd Evans and Andy Evans were unable to attend make the presentation.

going forward to the quarter finals

Each match involved teams of three mixed pairs and played on a neutral golf course

the qualifying stages Wenvoe Castle beat Clyne 2-1, Clyne Southerndown 2–1 and Palleg 2-1.

Wenvoe went on to beat Woodlake Park 2-1

in the quarter-final, and then the semi-final, and the final matches were arranged on the same day at Cottrell Park.

In the semi-final, Wenvoe beat Royal Porthcawl 2–1, going on to defeat Baron Hill (from north Wales) 2.5–0.5 in the final.

With the tournament being played over sever-

tial to have a squad of players available to cover for holidays and during the tournament the following players took part: Nicky Sims, Lloyd Evans, Lynnette Williams, Andy Evans, Sandra Cook, Sue Macpherson, Gordon Macpherson, Sheila Davies and club captain Chris Tatt.

The club presented each player with a medal to commemorate their

Mixed fortunes for Vale's under-11 teams at Penarth

Glamorgan under- to make the score 7-5. 11 rugby teams against Pontypool's A and B teams at Old Penarthians.

Since playing Pontypool in the first fix-ture of the season and having lost heavily, the

the A team losing by 7–24 and the B team win-

ning by 26–0. The A team were up against a team including a number of bigger, more powerful forwards, so the exchanges in contact were going to be a test.

Howell, changing direction quickly down the blindside to score under the posts after outpacing the Pontypeol

having lost heavily, the Vale team were hoping for revenge over their rivals from Gwent.

Mixed fortunes followed in the wet and Bradshaw running hard muddy conditions, with the A team losing by \$2.24 or \$1.7.24 or \$1.7.

two points ahead

the Pontypool defence.
Extra two points were previous encounter, but the Vale backline got the

rest of the first half to score, but stout defence by the Vale tacklers led Reuben and Rhydian Williams kept them at

Venetian Dove flutters home

VENETIAN DOVE, a four-year-old brown filly trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, was a comfortable winner of the Prince Of Wales Stand Novices Handicap Hurdle at Fakenham last week, writes Brian Lee.

Confidently ridden by stable jockey Paul Molony, *Venetian Dove*, who went out in the betting from 7--1 to 10-1, was eased in the last 100 yards to win by one-and-three quarter lengths from Quest Eclair.

of added by Jake Griffiths better of him and pinched ment on the previous make the score 7–5. the ball in contact. Bevan result against Pontypool Pontypool tried their Howell released Rhys early in the season, hardest throughout the Bradshaw to run the showing the team has

(almost) score. Vale forwards Pontypool to gain possession and their lively bay.
The Vale team showed scrum-half dummied to score from 10 metres out.

The conversion was missed making the score 7 - 10From restart, Pooler used their back-line and a thumping tackle by Rhydian Williams killed the attack stone The Vale were put killed the attack stone under pressure by Pooler a number of times but the Vale defence stood knocked on a number of strong and cleared their lines well to end the half two points ahead Missed tackles in the

exchanges in contact two points ahead.

Pontypool went ahead first with an unconverted try following a number great effect, especially of forward drives, showing their power up front.

The Vale soon hit back with Vale 22, they again with a superb individual attempted to outwit the two first own by Passan Vale and the posts of the posts from 15m out, and the posts from 15m out, because the conversion added. Pooler wenter now 10 points ahead.

Missed tackles in the Davies, Ben Jones and watch by ale backline let the man of the match' Max Cunnington. Iestyn the posts from 15m out, and the posts from 15m out, because the conversions.

Awarded a scrum in 10 points ahead.

Doller mined to dath or conversions.

B team: I Jack Little, 2 Finley Davies (caption), 3 Daniel Taylor, 4 by the Vale from the Jack Lee, 5 Max

the tackle area by Haaris Kahn, Dan Holden and the Pooler 22m.
Pooler stood firm with

solid tackling and mauling to keep the Vale out. Pooler cleared their lines and put the Vale

under pressure near their own line. Their forwards drove and were awarded a penalty which their quick thinking scrum-half tapped, jinking past match plus all supporters, two defenders to score coaches, referees and the under the posts. The conversion was added to who played their part in

definite improve-

length of the field and progressed well in all aspects.

team:1 knocked on in contact for Griffiths, 2 Max Lucas, 3 Reuben Williams, Cameron Roy, 5 Daniel Holden, 6 Haaris Kahn, 7 Jac Roberts, 8 Rhys Durlucia (capt), 9 Ioan Lewis. Bradshaw, 11 Harrison Ashby, 12 Bevan Howell, 13 Rhydian Williams, 14 Rhodri Hopkins, Joseff Williams.

In the B team match the Vale ran out convincing winners by 24 points to nil, with tries scored by Jack Little, Finlay Missed tackles in the Davies, Ben Jones and Vale backline let the 'man of the match' Max

Determined tackling by the Vale from the Jack Lee, 5 Max restart and good work in Cunnington, 6 Sam Corkhill, 7 Tomos Jac, 8 Cameron Roy saw them win the resulting ruck, working their way into win the resulting ruck, Jones, 11 Luke Beattie, working their way into 12 Ellis Simon, 13 Rhys Jones, 14 Iestyn Raven, 15 Evan Thomas, 16 Jac Connelly, Jack Gabriel Vowles, Fuller.

Captain Rhys Durlucia thanked the opposition for such a well disci-Old Penarthians club the final score an rewarding morning's action

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BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

Fiji no frolic as feeble **Wales turn** clock back

FTER the narrow 29-25 defeat to South Africa the week before, Wales' head coach Warren Gatland admitted to "kicking over a few tables" in the dressing room, such was his frustration.

On Friday, though, that would have paled into insignificance compared with his furious reaction to the 16-16 draw with Fiji that Welsh players admitted "felt more like a defeat" ... and well they might, for this was arguably the worst performance of Gatland's tenure, since taking over in the wake of the shock World Cup defeat to - Fiji.

At least in that high-scoring match, although showing tactical naivity, Wales had not been outplayed and humiliated – except by the 38-34 result itself, coming as it did at the hands of one of the so-called lesser rugby nations.

This time it was different. The reshuffled Welsh team, showing nine changes to the previous line-up, were never really in it from the start, failing to get to grips (literally) with the hardly unexpected robust challenge from hard-running, hard-hitting opponents, who grew more confident as the scrappy game wore

Meanwhile, the old set piece problem of a malfunctioning lineout resurfaced, leading to uncertainty at half back and thus between forwards and backs, while in the loose, the teak tough Fijian forwards were winning the battle for the breakdown, winning turnover after

turnover.
Only at the scrum, where the now irreplaceable Adam Jones was again immense, did Wales gain clear dominance, leading to a penalty try being awarded.

For the rest, it was a lack-lus-tre tale of escalating errors, missed chances and at times out-

right panic in the face of noholds barred South Sea Island defenders, who revelled in the resulting broken play as Wales failed to exert the necessary

tight control up front.

For Gatland and his fellow coaches, the dismal outcome must have been a stark reminder that the lessons of the last World Cup defeat had not been learnt - namely do not try to play free-running Fijians at their own game – and that frus-trating Welsh inconsistency remains the biggest single obstacle to sustained progress.

After this latest setback, they

now face the urgent task of regaining lost ground and rebuilding squad morale – just as the far more potent threat of grand slam-hunting All Blacks descend on an expectant Millennium Stadium on Saturday. Even with a (hopefully) fully-

restored starting line-up, victory for regrouped Wales may be too much to expect (unless unbeaten New Zealand have the mother of all off-days!)
Even so, tame capitulation will

not be tolerated, not just by the coaches, but by the army of Welsh fans – who rightly expect their team to 'front up' and at least come off the field with their heads held high... unlike Friday's hugely disappointing setback to World Cup prepara-

Presumably, it will be back to the first-choice players when the Welsh team is announced today (Thursday).

One can only hope that this time Gatland and his fellow coaches get the mix of personnel (and the game plan) right and that there will be no further need for individuals to be made scapegoats.

After all, the Wales camp as a whole must take collective responsibility – both for success and failure on the field of play.

Lyndsey McCausland gets the Athletic comeback under way.

CORUS (PT) RFC 23 match in the SWALEC league BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 26

supporting Tom Penry-

their collision and Evans

The ball came loose in

For an hour, it was for Corus following an Athletic attack down the very uninspired fare served up by both teams, with the vast majority of left. Scrum-half Aled exchanges taking place between the two 22m lines and mistakes Thomas took a quick tap penalty and from the resulting ruck fly-half Steve Lewis nipped around second-row Paul Clapham. As the defence through poor handling and kicking predominatcame across there was a misunderstanding between Lewis and the

Ellis

ABOVE: Leon Pemberton outpaces

the defence for a superb solo effort

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KERRY FOTHERGILL

ing.
For the home team, flanker Gareth Davies and number 8 Robbie Morgan worked resolute-ly, with full back Jordan ly, with rui Skidmore, scrum-half Daniel Davies and fly-

THIS was the first

programme

three weeks.

these teams

for half Simon Evans the swooped onto the ball for most lively of the backs. and outstripped the It was Simon Evans defence as he raced 60 was who opened the scoring metres for a try he could for the corns following an part converts.

not convert.
From the kick-off, a great chase and tap back by captain Sean Williams was eventually driven forward by the visitors but, following a scuffle between Athletic hooker Simon Mustoe and Gareth Davies of Corus, which resulted in both being shown a yellow card Corus were given a penalty.

From the resulting lineout, a huge gap opened up for Corus' Daniel Davies to slice through.

He was hauled down by a desperate defence and a scrum resulted for the Ath. No 8 Penry-Ellis picked up to relieve the pressure but lost the ball, which found its way to home wing Richard Thomas who scored wide out. Evans converted to give the home team a clear 12-point advantage.

The arrears were reduced when Steve Lewis struck over a penalty kick following an incisive run by sin-bin replacement hooker Stuart Nation. Soon Lewis repeated his feat by sending another kick through the posts when time score was Corus 18 young full-back Rhys Bridgend Athletic 6. Jones was the victim of a high tackle after the

number of quick rucks. As the half drew to a close, the home side restored their 12-point lead through two penalties kicked by Simon Evans. The first came about following an attempt to quickly take a drop-out by Sean Williams. The skipper knocked-on and resulting scrum led to a penalty award.

Then, just on the stroke of half-time, an Evans stepped up to put corner. over the long-range effort from 45 metres. The half-

A catalogue of errors by the visitors at the Athletic had stretched the beginning of the second home defence through a period allowed Corus to mount a sustained period pressure but the Athletic defence stood firm, with veteran centre Stuart Morris putting in some staunch tackling to

repel the home team.
Ten minutes later though it was Morris's loose kick out of defence that led to a third try for the home side and second for right-wing Richard Thomas as Skidmore Thomas as Skidmore counter-attacked into the Athletic 22 and good handling and support Athletic penalty was Athletic 22 and good reversed when Stoker retaliated and play led to a try in the

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Pencoed let slip in defeat

Pencoed Aberavon Green Stars

PENCOED let slip a ceding two soft secceding two soft second half scores and, having failed to take

Burke particularly impressive.

The three quarter line down by a thirteen point margin.

This was a frustrating loss for the players, coaches, and supporters alike, the home side sensing a win at one stage.

A positive from this performance was the return of former captain Gareth Jenkins, and there is no doubt he will add some steel to the side should he choose to return on a regular basis.

The story of the sea-son to date is played ten, won three, drawn one, lost six; arguably the win total could have been doubled with a little on the back foot. more luck, however the Jo Poupon, wh points against total is of concern

Bryncoch, and this has to be viewed as a 'must win'

The youth team played very well in the home Butler adding three con-league 21-13 win over versions.

Pyle. Chris John, Jamie Williams, and Eddie Barry will see Phoenis Brown were the try scorers, with Lewys Jenkins the

The back row trio of promising position Hywel Price, Tom Burke, in this match, con-with number seven

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their chances, went supplemented the forward effort moving the ball well.

On Saturday the youth are at Cefn Cribbwr in a friendly.

Pencoed overcame a stiff chalfrom lenge University to run out 26-5 winners.

Incidentally, the students are through to the semi final of the University Cup.

The Phoenix front row of Lianne Casley, Natalie O'Shea, and Michele Halse gave the side a good platform, continually putting the students

Jo Poupon, who early in the match saved a certain try with a tremen-Next up on December dous cover tackle in the 4 the team visit lowly shadow of her own posts. got two tries, with Sammy Jo Humphrey and Sarah Hughes getting one apiece, Beth

crowned champions of Women's ers, with Lewys Jenkins the School Holman adding the three conver- Development League. Senior

Speedy Rhys sets the Seconds on their way

BRIDGEND Seconds Athletic Rhiwbina hosted for a friendly at Newbridge Fields.

wing Rhys Fussell out-paced the visitors' defence to score in the

This was quickly followed by a similar try when the other Athletic wing, Owen Francis, was set free to run in a try from 40 metres. Tom Cole converted.

Rhiwbina responded and after a period of pressure near the Athletic line D Oiosand broke away from a maul to score. T Lawson converted.

There then followed a started to dry up.

As the game opened rugby by both sides with Dean Greenslade and came from wing Rhys Rob Howells prominent Fussell who again for the Athletic.

Bridgend Athletic Seconds 31 Rhiwbina

Hinton took a pass at corner The Athletic stormed pace and crashed through into an early lead when three would be tacklers to score under the posts.

Tom Cole converted to bring a half time score of 19-7 to the Athletic.

Rhiwbina made several substitutions for the second half and put the Athletic under pressure from the restart. This turnovers. resulted in a well worked try for Rhiwbina by N defence al Dimond converted by Lawson to bring the visitors within five points. The Athletic pack was now under pressure at the set pieces and possession

Eventually, centre Nick defence to score in the

With the majority of possession Rhiwbina inevitably scored a try through P Cooper.

The Athletic defence was holding firm going into the final quarter with Hinton and hooker Aled Guy both forcing crucial

defence allowed outside half Tom Cole to capitalise on a Rhiwbina mistake to gather and score under the posts.

Cole converted to give the Athletic Seconds hard earned victory.

Centre Nick Hinton was the Athletic Man of again the Match.

Royden Huntley

Kenfig face Cwmavon

Scrum half Tom Briggs makes a break for Kenfig Hill - find out how they fared against Cwmavon on page 34.